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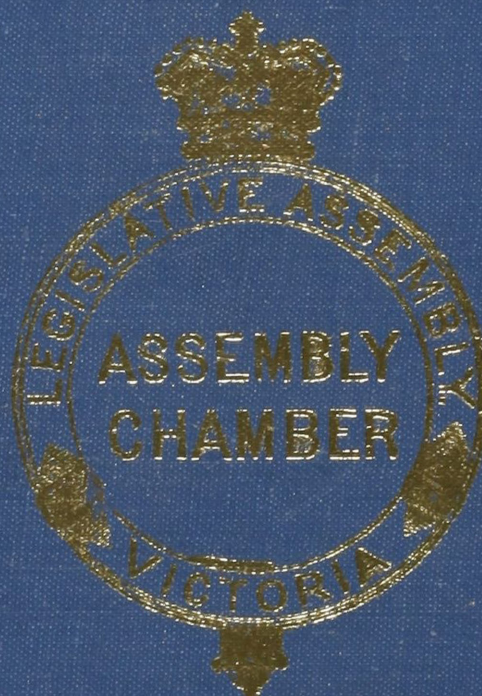


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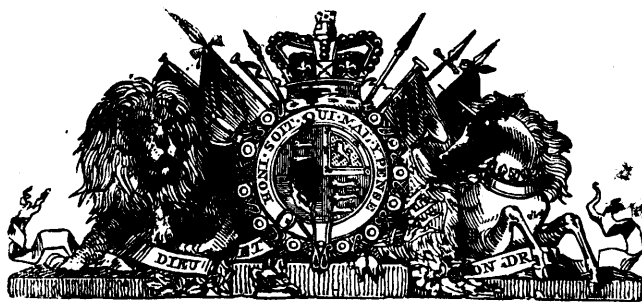
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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, bearing date the 14th day of August, 1854.—The Clerk read the said Proclamation by order of the Speaker.
2. SERJEANT-AT-ARMS.—William George Palmer, Esq., having been introduced, and having handed to the Speaker a Commission from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, bearing date at Melbourne, the 21st day of July, 1854, appointing him to be Serjeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Council of Victoria during the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor of Victoria for the time being, subject to the approval of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors—the oaths of allegiance and office were administered to Mr. Palmer.
3. NEW MEMBERS.—The Speaker announced that a Return having been made by the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Ripon, Hampden, Grenville, and Polwarth, to the Writ issued on the 1st day of March last, for an Election of a Member to serve in the said Council for the said Electoral District, in the place of James Thomson, Esq., resigned, that no poll was taken at Hexham on the day appointed by the said Writ for taking the poll at the said Election, and in consequence he was unable to declare any Member elected, he had, during the recess, issued another Writ for the return of a Member for such Electoral District, in the place of the said James Thomson, and that by the return of the Returning Officer, duly endorsed on such last mentioned Writ, it appeared that Colin Campbell, Esq., had been duly elected a Member to serve in the place of the said James Thomson for the said Electoral District.

Colin Campbell, Esq., was then introduced, and having taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following Declaration, took his seat as Member for such Electoral District.

“ I, COLIN CAMPBELL, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in George-street, Collingwood, in the parish of Jika Jika, in the county of Bourke, and consist of a plot of ground extending fifty feet frontage to George-street by a depth of one hundred and nineteen feet, and upon part of which two houses have been built, and both of which are now inhabited : And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“ COLIN CAMPBELL.”

The Speaker also announced, that it having been established to his satisfaction that the Seats of James Cowie, Esq., Charles James Griffith, Esq., and Mark Nicholson, Esq., elective Members of the Council for the respective Electoral Districts of the Town of Geelong, of the United Counties of Normanby, Dundas, and Follett, and the United Towns of Belfast and Warrnambool, had become vacant by the respective resignations of the said James Cowie, Charles James Griffith, and Mark Nicholson, he had, pursuant to Act of Council, during the recess issued Writs for the return of Members for such Electoral Districts respectively, in the place of the said James Cowie, Charles James Griffith, and Mark Nicholson, and that by the returns of the Returning Officers endorsed on such Writs respectively, it appeared that Alexander Fyfe, Esq., had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of the said James Cowie for the said Electoral District of the Town of Geelong, and that Charles James Griffith, Esq., had been again duly elected Member to serve for the said Electoral District of the United Counties of Normanby, Dundas, and Follett, and that George Samuel Wegg Horne, Esq., had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of the said Mark Nicholson for the said Electoral District of the United Towns of Belfast and Warrnambool.

Alexander Fyfe, Esq., Charles James Griffith, Esq., and George Samuel Wegg Horne, Esq. were then introduced, and having severally taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following Declarations, took their seats as Members accordingly.

"I, ALEXANDER FYFE, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in Singapore-terrace, Geelong, in the County of Grant, and consist of nine messuages or dwelling houses with their appurtenances: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"ALEXANDER FYFE."

"I, CHARLES JAMES GRIFFITH, do declare and testify, that I am duly seised at law 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 two hundred pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the City of Melbourne, and being numbered 117, Collins-street east, and that my estate therein is an estate in fee simple: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"CHARLES JAMES GRIFFITH."

"I, GEORGE SAMUEL WEGG HORNE, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further, that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises, are situate in South St. Kilda, parish of Prahran, in the County of Bourke, being part of allotment D, portion number seventy-two, and containing by admeasurement, one acre, more or less, with the dwelling house and buildings thereon erected; also allotment number thirteen of section nine, situate at Sandridge, with the buildings thereon: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"GEO. S. W. HORNE."

The Speaker also announced, that it having been established to his satisfaction that the seat of William Francis Splatt, Esq., Elective Member of the Council for the Electoral District of Wimmera, had become vacant by the resignation thereof by the said William Francis Splatt, he did, pursuant to the Act, on the 5th day of June last, issue a Writ for the return of a Member for such Electoral District, in the place of the said William Francis Splatt, and that in consequence of the Returning Officer having made a return that such Writ did not reach him until after the day thereby appointed for holding the Election, he had issued another Writ for the return of a Member for such Electoral District, and that by the return duly endorsed on such last mentioned Writ, it appeared that William Taylor, Esq., of Overnewton, Keilor, had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of the said William Francis Splatt, for the said Electoral District of Wimmera.

William Taylor, Esq., was then introduced, and having taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following Declaration, took his seat as Member accordingly.

"I, WILLIAM TAYLOR, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Marybyrnong, County of Bourke, and are known as the house and grounds of 'Overnewton,' now occupied by myself: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"WILLIAM TAYLOR."

The Speaker also announced that it having been established to his satisfaction that the seat of William Campbell, Esq., Elective Member of this Council for the Electoral District of Loddon, had become vacant by the resignation thereof by the said William Campbell, he did, pursuant to the Act, on the 5th day of June last issue a writ for the return of a member for such Electoral District, in the place of the said William Campbell, and it appearing that such writ did not reach the hands of the Returning Officer in consequence of his absence, he had during the recess issued another writ for the return of a member for such Electoral District.

The Speaker also announced that there had been handed to him Letters Patent under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and the Seal of the Colony of Victoria,

severally bearing date at Melbourne, the 1st day of August, 1854, appointing Charles Bradshaw, Esq., James McCulloch, Esq., and Donald Kennedy, Esq., respectively Non-elective Members of the Council and until Her Majesty's pleasure be known, and other Letters Patent under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Seal of the Colony, bearing date at Melbourne, the 12th day of August, 1854, appointing Alfred Ross, Esq., Non-Elective Member of the Council, and until Her Majesty's pleasure be known.

Charles Bradshaw, Esq., James McCulloch, Esq., Donald Kennedy, Esq., and Alfred Ross, Esq., were then severally introduced, and having severally taken the Oath, took their seats in the Council as Members thereof.

4. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having arrived at the Chamber, and having been duly announced by the Serjeant-at-Arms, was received by the Speaker and the Colonial Secretary, and was by them conducted to an elevated seat provided for him near the Speaker's chair, and read the following speech :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

I feel much satisfaction at meeting the Legislature, and I eagerly seize this opportunity to testify the high sense I entertain of the loyalty and sound feeling of the people of this Colony.

The state of social order which I found existing amongst the population on the Gold Fields especially deserves to be recorded. In common with the inhabitants of every district which I have visited, they manifested in the strongest manner their attachment to the Throne and Institutions of the country which gave them birth.

I am commanded to acquaint you that Her Most Gracious Majesty, desirous to mark the interest which she takes in the growth and welfare of "Victoria," has been pleased to direct that her portrait be presented to the Colony. I have to request the Legislative Council to decide upon the place most proper for its custody.

By a recent Despatch from the Secretary of State I am informed that Her Majesty's Government, unable to afford sufficient time during the present Session of Parliament for the mature consideration of the Bill embodying the Constitution proposed for this Colony, had been obliged to postpone the subject until Parliament should re-assemble.

It is evident that the time has arrived when Sanatory Regulations should be enforced by Legislative enactment. A Bill for the purpose of establishing a General Board of Health will be submitted. You will, I doubt not, furnish its members with sufficient powers adequately to fulfil the trust confided to them, in the hope, that should it be the will of Divine Providence to bring to our shores that disease which has already inflicted havoc in another Colony, it may be mitigated by observing such rules as the experience of other countries has ascertained to be most calculated to meet the case.

Measures to amend the present Impounding Act, and also the Law relating to Auctioneers, with a view of preventing as much as possible the crime of Horse and Cattle stealing, are in course of preparation, and will be laid before you.

A Bill for the Regulation of Common Lodging Houses, and a Bill to render Vaccination compulsory, will also be brought forward.

I would invite the earnest attention of the Council to the subject of Intemperance.

The sale of intoxicating liquors may, without undue interference with private rights, be placed under such restrictions as will check the increase of drunkenness—the fruitful source of so much evil.

The Acts for the Regulation of the Conveyance of Passengers, and the Management of the Customs, will require emendations. Bills for those purposes will be submitted.

The importance of the establishment of Municipal Institutions for the Administration of Local Funds has not escaped me. I observe that the attention of the Legislative Council has been drawn to the subject during the last Session; I hope that the consideration of it will be resumed at an early period.

The amount of crime, more especially of Horse Stealing, has everywhere been urged upon my notice; whilst, on the other hand, it would seem that the pressure upon the Colony for Police Establishments has arrived at its extreme point. A Bill will be presented to you, which, upholding the rights pertaining to Her Most Gracious Majesty, will, I trust, preserve the Colony from the serious dangers with which it is threatened.

A Bill for the amendment of the Law relating to Foreign Seamen, and other measures of importance, will be brought before you during the Session.

To the construction of Railways I would request the serious attention of the Legislative Council. The nature of the climate and the cost of the material prove that ordinary roads are ill suited to support the wear and tear occasioned by heavy traffic; on the other hand, the general character of the country presents every facility to the Engineer. The completion of such works will necessarily require the assistance of the foreign capitalist: one mode of obtaining this would be the guaranteeing, by means of Legislation, a certain rate of interest for a specified number of years on all the capital subscribed for those undertakings. I avoid entering into the details of this scheme, and only allude to it as in every way well worthy of your consideration.

Rewards for the discovery of new Gold Fields have already been promulgated: every week brings intelligence of some fresh discovery, and many of the old Fields are in consequence abandoned. With a view to their further development, as well as for the extraction of gold from quartz, I propose to grant leases to persons desirous of employing machinery. By so doing, the resources of this great contributor to our Colonial prosperity may be made still further available, and an additional impulse given to the interests of the laborious miner.

In pursuance of the practice of my predecessor, I propose to communicate with the Council previously to transmitting funds for the purposes of Immigration. It is not without feelings of pleasure that I have observed the disposition of those Immigrants who have acquired competency, to settle and locate themselves on the land of this Colony. I deem it of the utmost importance to retain so valuable a class; and, whilst not unmindful of other interests, I shall not fail to employ such means as may seem most suitable to produce this result.

I have given directions that the Estimate for the Revenue and Expenditure for 1855, together with the Supplementary Estimate for the current year, shall be prepared and brought before you. Profiting by the experience of gentlemen who have made finance their profession, I am endeavouring to acquire such information as may enable me to obtain a clear insight into the financial requirements of this Colony; and it will be the object of my Government to enforce such economy as will place me in a position to appropriate any available balance to the promotion of those public works which are everywhere so much needed.

Arrangements are already in progress for obtaining increased Wharfage Accommodation on the River Yarra.

The Officer commanding the Royal Engineers has reported that it is impracticable to defend the Bay by works erected on the land. I have received information that some heavy ordnance will shortly be dispatched to this country; and, should circumstances require it, I shall, at the proper time, take the necessary precautions for the preservation of the ships and property lying in the Harbor.

Finally, I avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the liberality displayed by the Legislative Council in providing a suitable residence for their Lieutenant Governor, and to assure them of my anxious desire to co-operate in all measures calculated to advance the prosperity of this noble country.

Melbourne,
21st September, 1854.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

His Excellency then retired, being conducted to the door by the Speaker and the Colonial Secretary.

5. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Bradshaw moved, That an Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be prepared.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Bradshaw then moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that such Committee do consist of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Taylor, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Haines, Mr. Griffith, and the mover.

Question—put and passed.

6. THE SPEAKER read the copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on opening of the Session.

7. MR. BRADSHAW having brought up the Address in reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as prepared by the Committee, read the same as follows:—

To His Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Council, gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of meeting the Representative of our Sovereign, and of assuring him of the loyalty and affection with which our Queen is regarded by all classes in this Colony.

We thankfully acknowledge the condescension of Her Most Gracious Majesty in presenting to this Colony Her Royal Portrait, and it shall be our grateful endeavour to preserve it in a suitable manner.

It is a matter of deep regret to us that the Constitution proposed in this House during the last Session should not have become law; and we would request your Excellency to urge that no unnecessary delay should be allowed in conferring on the people of this Colony the numerous privileges therein claimed.

Warned by the mournful examples of other Colonies, we shall be earnest in our co-operation to promote the Sanatory condition of Victoria.

The evils attendant on the present system of impounding cattle, and the abuse of the law relative to auctions, which have encouraged horse and cattle stealing, will meet with our early notice.

The social evils arising from intemperance and badly conducted lodging-houses require our minute investigation, and, as far as legislation can remedy them, we trust that they will be ameliorated.

The Passengers', Merchant Seamen's, and Customs' Acts Amendment Bills when presented will be diligently examined by us.

Being deeply impressed with the vital importance of local self-government, we shall cheerfully resume the subject of establishing Municipal Institutions throughout the Colony, legislation upon which was postponed only on account of the pressure of business on the close of our last Session.

We deeply regret the serious expense which has been entailed on this Colony for Police expenditure, and would gladly join in the hope that the extreme point has been

reached. To effect this desirable end we shall cordially unite in any measure, the result of which will be the prevention of those serious evils with which this Colony has been and is threatened.

The want of navigable rivers and the wide extent over which our population is scattered point out the necessity of considering the best mode of effecting Internal Communication, and of availing ourselves of the natural facilities presented by our country.

We feel deeply impressed with the necessity of devising the best means of accomplishing this great national object.

That it is desirable to introduce machinery upon our extensive Gold Fields is admitted by all who have studied the subject, and have no doubt that the application of science to this pursuit, and the economy of labor thereby secured, will tend still further to develop the wonderful mineral wealth of this country.

The courtesy of our late Governor in consulting us previously to the appropriation of funds for the purposes of Immigration was always duly appreciated by us. That mutual confidence may exist between the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government is our unanimous wish.

We share the feelings of pleasure with which your Excellency observes the disposition of Immigrants to settle on the lands of the Colony, and we have no doubt that the means which have been adopted, and are still in progress for retaining this valuable class in the Colony, will rapidly develop its agricultural capabilities, and assist in rendering it less dependent on foreign countries for a supply of food.

We can assure Your Excellency that we are fully alive to the necessity of a judicious economy, and gladly receive your assurance of hearty co-operation from the Executive Government.

The necessity for wharfrage accommodation has long been obvious, and we are rejoiced at the assurance that it will now be supplied.

Should, unfortunately, the necessity arise of resisting hostile aggression, we have the fullest confidence in your skill in availing yourself of the resources at your command; and we assure your Excellency that we shall in every way in our power co-operate with you in adopting any measures that may be deemed advisable for this purpose.

Mr. Bradshaw moved that this Address be now adopted by the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. MR. BRADSHAW was proceeding to move that a Deputation be appointed to wait upon the Lieutenant Governor to ascertain when His Excellency would be pleased to receive their Address, when the Colonial Secretary informed the Council that in anticipation of the wish of the Council, he had already waited upon the Lieutenant Governor, and ascertained it to be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Council's Address in reply to his Speech on opening the Session, at the Government Offices, on Friday next, at twelve o'clock; whereupon it was agreed that the Council proceed to the Government Offices on Friday next, at twelve o'clock, and there present to the Lieutenant Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary moved, That the Council at its rising this day, do adjourn until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes to four o'clock until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION —

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That Peter Snodgrass, Esq., be the Chairman of the Committees of this Council.
2. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the following Members do form the Committee of Standing Orders during the present Session:—The Honorable the Speaker, the Honorable the Attorney General, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Miller, Mr. Horne, and Mr. F. Murphy.
3. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that three o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.
4. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That on Wednesdays and Thursdays in each week during the present Session the transaction of Government business take precedence of all other business.
5. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the following Members do form the Library Committee for the present Session—The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Fawcner, Mr. Greeves, the Chairman of General Sessions, Mr. Riddell, the Surveyor General, and Mr. Haines.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

FRIDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1854.

- 1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.
- 2. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.—
The Council proceeded to the Government Offices, there to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's opening Speech. The Council having returned—the Speaker reported that the Council had been to the Government Offices and there presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech on opening the Session, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto, the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

I thank you for the Address which you have presented to me.

I shall not fail to transmit to Her Majesty's Government the assurances of loyalty with which you have received the announcement of Her Majesty's gracious intention to present Her Portrait to this Colony, and I am convinced that Her Majesty will be gratified at this additional proof of your attachment.

The assurances which you give me of your wish to co-operate with my Government in every way gratifying to me. It will be my constant study to act in unison with the Legislative Council in all measures which relate to the interests of the Colony.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, again I thank you.

22nd September, 1854.

CHAS HOTHAM.

- 3. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, that Peter Snodgrass, Esq., be the Chairman of the Committees of this Council.
Question—put and passed.—Whereupon Mr. Snodgrass made his acknowledgments to the Council.
- 4. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the following Members do form the Committee of Standing Orders during the present Session :—The Honorable the Speaker, the Honorable the Attorney General, the Honorable the Collector of Customs, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Miller, Mr. Horne, and Mr. F. Murphy.
Question—put and passed.
- 5. DAYS OF BUSINESS.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in each week be the days on which the Council shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that three o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.
Question—put and passed.
- 6. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesdays and Thursdays in each week during the present Session the transaction of Government business take precedence of all other business.
Question—put and passed.
- 7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members do form the Library Committee for the present Session :—The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Fawcner, Mr. Greeves, the Chairman of General Sessions, Mr. Riddell, the Surveyor General, and Mr. Haines.
Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at twenty-four minutes to one o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

General Business :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: To move, That a select committee be appointed to frame and report upon a general measure for "Marriages," viz. :—Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Ross, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover.
2. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: To move, That a select committee be appointed to frame and report on a general measure to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, viz. :—Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Ross, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the following Members be appointed a Committee to manage the affairs of the Council Club, viz. :—Mr. Goodman, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hervey, Mr. Highett, Mr. Mollison, and Mr. James Murphy.

General Business :—

2. MR. NICHOLSON: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £200,000 from the proposed vote for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1855, be placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board, to be expended during the present year on the Roads and Bridges of the Colony.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

TUESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. MEMORIALS.—The following Memorials praying for the repeal of the Postage Act, 17 Victoria, No. 30, and for the adoption of an uniform penny rate of postage on all letters (exclusive of ocean postage), and that all newspapers be posted free of any charge, were severally presented and received, viz. :—

From certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Portland—By Mr. Wilkinson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Bacchus Marsh—By Mr. Nicholson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Richmond—By Mr. Nicholson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Prahran and Windsor—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Warrnambool—By Mr. Horne.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Collingwood—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Williamstown—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Belfast—By Mr. Beaver.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Sandridge—By Mr. Hodgson.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Emerald Hill—By Mr. Sargood.
 From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Creswick's Creek—By Mr. Hodgson.

3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Council Table the several undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Bank Returns.—General Abstracts shewing the average liabilities and assets and of the capital and profits of the undermentioned Banks of the Colony of Victoria from 1st January to 31st March, 1854, and from 1st April to 30th June, 1854, viz. :—
 Australasia.
 Union of Australia.
 New South Wales.
 London Chartered Bank of Australia.
 Victoria.
 English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank.
- (2.) Returns of Offenders.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, 13th October, 1853.
- (3.) Gold Regulations.—Rules and Regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council respecting the issue of Licenses for Mining and other purposes, under the authority of the local Act, 17 Victoria, No. 4.
- (4.) Additional Rules of Supreme Court.
- (5.) Internal Communication.—Report of Commissioners appointed to enquire into the best mode of providing for the internal communication of the Colony.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Council Table the undermentioned Paper :—

Accounts relating to Trade and Customs for the year 1853.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **NEW MEMBERS.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had received Returns to the Writs he had issued for the election of Members to serve for the Electoral Districts of the Pastoral District of the Loddon, and of the United Counties of Villiers and Heytesbury, by which it appeared that Thomas Howard Fellows, Esquire, had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of William Campbell, Esquire, for the said Electoral District of the Pastoral District of the Loddon; and that William Furlong, Esquire, had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of George Winter, Esquire, for the said Electoral District of the United Counties of Villiers and Heytesbury.
5. **MARRIAGE LAWS.**—The Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to frame and report upon a general measure for “Marriages.”
Question—put and passed.
The Attorney General then moved, pursuant to notice, That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. O’Shanassy, Mr. Ross, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wilkinson, and the mover.
Question—put and passed.
6. **LAWS RELATING TO THE SALE OF FERMENTED AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.**—The Attorney General moved, pursuant to amended notice, That a Select Committee, to consist of ten members, be appointed to frame and report on a general measure to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, with power to take evidence; and that such Committee be appointed by ballot.
Question—put and passed.
The Council then proceeded to the ballot for such Committee.
7. **MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—

MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS IN VICTORIA.**CHAS. HOTHAM,***Message No. 1.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the “*Act for the better Government of Her Majesty’s Australian Colonies,*” the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Council the draft of

“*A Bill to provide for the better control and management of Towns and other places in Victoria.*”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

VACCINATION.**CHAS. HOTHAM,***Message No. 2.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the “*Act for the better Government of Her Majesty’s Australian Colonies,*” the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the draft of

“*A Bill to make compulsory the practice of Vaccination.*”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.**CHAS. HOTHAM,***Message No. 3.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the “*Act for the better Government of Her Majesty’s Australian Colonies,*” the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the draft of

“*A Bill for the regulation of Common Lodging Houses.*”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

PUBLIC HEALTH.**CHAS. HOTHAM,***Message No. 4.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the “*Act for the better Government of Her Majesty’s Australian Colonies,*” the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the draft of

“*A Bill for promoting the Public Health.*”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

CONTROL OF FOREIGN SEAMEN.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 5.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies," the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the draft of

"A Bill for the better Control of Seamen belonging to Foreign Vessels."
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

CONVEYANCE OF PASSENGERS.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 6.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies," the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

"A Bill for regulating the Conveyance of Passengers to Victoria."
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 7.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies," the Lieutenant Governor transmits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the draft of

"A Bill to regulate the Execution of Criminals."
 Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

REINFORCEMENT OF TROOPS IN VICTORIA.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 8.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated 30th of May, 1854 (Military, No. 5), intimating to His Excellency that directions had been given for the conveyance to this Colony of the Head Quarters and five Companies of the 12th Regiment of Foot, as a reinforcement to the troops stationed here.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

COLONIAL AGENT GENERAL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 9.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated the 25th of May, 1854, (No. 27), with accompanying Correspondence in reference to the delays in the conduct of the business of the Colonial Agent General, in continuation of the Correspondence on this subject laid before the Council during the last Session.

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch and Correspondence.

CONSTITUTION—VICTORIA.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 10.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated the 3rd of July, 1854 (No. 8), intimating the postponement of the consideration of the Act passed during the last Session of the Council, intituled, "An Act to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria."

Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

ACTS OF COUNCIL—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 11.

Lieutenant Governor.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76. sec. 33, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated (in a Despatch dated 23rd February, 1854, No. 29.), that Her Majesty has been pleased to allow and confirm the Act of Council of this Colony, No. 25, of the 8th of January, 1853, intituled, "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation, and to the Boats and Lights to be carried, and the Signals to be made by Sea-going Vessels.*"

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed.

RAILWAYS CONNECTING THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITALS.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 12.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council a copy of a Communication dated the 21st of August, 1854, which has been received from the Government of South Australia, with the copy of a printed Council Paper of that Colony, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Railway to connect the Capitals of Australia.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 26th September, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Communication.

LAWS RELATING TO THE SALE OF FERMENTED AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.—The ballot for the Select Committee to frame and report on a general measure to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, interrupted by the delivery of the above Messages, having been proceeded with, and the following Members being reported to have the greatest number of votes, were declared by the Speaker to be the Members of the said Committee, viz. :—The Attorney General, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Goodman, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Fawkner, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. Haines, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Snodgrass.

Council adjourned at twenty minutes past four o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY :** To move, That the following Members be appointed a Committee to manage the affairs of the Council Club, viz. :—Mr. Goodman, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hervey, Mr. Highett, Mr. Mollison, and Mr. James Murphy.
2. **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY :** To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of renewing the lease of the building at present used for the meetings of this Council, for six months from the termination of the present lease.
3. **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY :** To move,
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council as to the best means of providing temporary accommodation for the sittings of the Legislative Council.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of—The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Greeves, the Surveyor General, and the Mover.
4. **THE SURVEYOR GENERAL :** To move, For leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of additional local or municipal authorities in Victoria.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 1.
2. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 2.
3. **LODGING HOUSES BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 3.
4. **SANATORY REGULATION BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 4.
5. **FOREIGN SEAMENS BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 5.
6. **PASSENGERS BILL.**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 6.

7. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 7.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £200,000 from the proposed vote for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1855, be placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board, to be expended during the present year on the Roads and Bridges of the Colony.
2. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council as early as practicable—
 - (1.) The Reports of Capt. Ross of the surveys of the Harbors of Corner Inlet, of Welshpool, and Port Albert, together with any sailing directions for the same, or any other information relative to them.
 - (2.) The plans or charts of the above ports.
 - (3.) The Report of the Surveyor who has laid or found out a new line of road from Melbourne to Gipps' Land, and if any estimate has been made of the time it would take and the probable cost of making it passable.
 - (4.) Any Report that may have been made of any surveys or estimates for making passable the crossing places (for stock, &c.) of the old road to Gipps' Land.
 - (5.) Any Report sent by the Crown Lands Commissioner relative to the application to him of sixteen stockholders on 3rd October, 1852, applying for permission to erect a stock-yard, for the purpose of shipping stock on the North Head of "Shallow Inlet," which they represent as being six miles north of the present entrance, and possessing safe anchorage.
3. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased be cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, as early as practicable, such statistics, &c., relative to Gipps' Land, to the 30th June last, from the 30th June previous, as it may be in the power of the Government to prepare with relation to—
 - (1.) The population of each portion of the district.
 - (2.) The revenue and expenditure.
 - (3.) The exports and imports.
 - (4.) The produce and stock.
 - (5.) The harbors, rivers, lakes, and inlets.
 - (6.) The public buildings and works.
 - (7.) The lands surveyed and sold.
 - (8.) The lands surveyed and unsold.
 - (9.) The roads and bridges.
 - (10.) The public departments.
 - (11.) The number of vessels arriving, with their tonnage, from 30th June, 1853.
 - (12.) The quantity of ground held by the Government at the port of Port Albert, commonly called Stock Yard Point, for public purposes.
 - (13.) The cost of Custom House at Port Albert, and to whom the land belongs on which it is erected.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS : To move, That before any petition be presented to this Council, the Clerk of the Council shall certify thereon that it is in accordance with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council.
2. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of renewing the Lease of Toorak, for five years from the expiration of the present lease, as a residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
3. THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS : To move, That a Committee be appointed to report upon notices of motion for returns, and to arrange for printing, papers presented in pursuance of such motions.

That when an address for a return shall have been adopted, the Committee shall prepare a form to be presented with the address.

That one Member shall be a quorum in the Committee, and that the Librarian of the House shall act as clerk to the Committee.

That the Committee consist of the following Members :—The Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Miller, and the Mover.

General Business :—

1. MR. O'BRIEN : To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary the reason that the sum of £10,000 which was voted last Session for the erection of a Gaol in Kilmore, has not been laid out in compliance with the vote of this House ?
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NOTICE OF MOTION :—

2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum of money to place the Lieutenant Governor and Staff, as regards salaries and allowances, in the same position as that afforded them under the "*Bill for establishing a New Constitution for Victoria,*" and that this resolution take effect from the date of His Excellency's landing in the Colony.
2. MR. RUSSELL : To move, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into its serious consideration the condition of the productive classes throughout this Colony, and especially to enquire from what cause the present depression in our labor market arises, with a view to provide means, should the same be deemed necessary, for the employment of those free immigrants now reaching our shores.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON : To move, That the Petitions presented by him on Tuesday, 26th September, from certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, and also from certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong, in the said Colony, be respectively printed.

MEETINGS.

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 28th September.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—Thomas Howard Fellows, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following Declaration, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of the Pastoral District of the Loddon.

“ I, THOMAS HOWARD FELLOWS, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same : And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of South Melbourne, in the county of Bourke, on the west side of a certain highway there called the Punt Road, and consist of a dwelling-house and garden, of which I am seised in fee simple : And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“ THO. HOWARD FELLOWS.”
3. MEMORIALS.—The following Memorials praying for the repeal of the Postage Act, 17 Victoria, No. 30, and for the adoption of an uniform penny rate of postage on all letters (exclusive of ocean postage), and that all newspapers be posted free of any charge, were severally presented and received, viz. :—
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at the Avoca Diggings—By Mr. Hodgson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Brunswick—By Mr. Sargood.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Kilmore—By Mr. Snodgrass.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Hawthorn and Boorondara — By Mr. Hodgson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Pentridge—By Mr. Wilkinson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Ballarat—By Mr. Hodgson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Hamilton—By Mr. O'Brien.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Maryborough Diggings—By Mr. Hodgson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at the Bendigo Diggings—By Mr. Hodgson.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Council Table the several undermentioned papers :—
 - (1.) Immigrants Fund.—Statement shewing the receipts and expenditure under the provisions of the local Act 16 Vic., No. 17, during the year 1853.
 - (2.) University of Melbourne.—Report of the proceedings of the University of Melbourne during the year commencing May 1, 1853, and terminating April 30, 1854.
 - (3.) Immigration.—Report from the Immigration Agent for the year 1853.
 - (4.) Prisoners.
 - (1.) A Return of prisoners committed for trial at the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts in the Colony of Victoria, from 1st July to 31st December, 1853, showing the result of such committals and trials.
 - (2.) A similar Return from 1st January to 30th June, 1854.
 - (5.) Health Officer.—Report for the half year ending on the 30th June, 1854.

Severally ordered to be printed.

The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Council Table the following Plans, in part return to Address of the Council in a previous Session, viz. :—

 - County of Ripon,
 - County of Grenville,
 - County of Grant,
 - County of Dundas,
 - County of Villiers,
 - County of Follett,
 - County of Hampden,
 - County of Normanby,
 - County of Bourke, and
 - General Chart of the GoldFields, including the counties of Talbot and Dalhousie.

5. **COUNCIL CLUB.**—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Members be appointed a Committee to manage the affairs of the Council Club, viz.:—Mr. Goodman, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hervey, Mr. Highett, Mr. Mollison, and Mr. James Murphy.
Question—put and passed.
6. **RENEWAL OF LEASE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.**—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of renewing the lease of the building at present used for the meetings of this Council, for six months from the termination of the present lease.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that the lease of the building at present used for the meetings of the Legislative Council be renewed for six months from the termination of the present lease—the Council adopted the above report.
The Colonial Secretary then moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council as to the best means of providing temporary accommodation for the sittings of the Legislative Council, and that such Committee consist of—The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Greeves, the Surveyor General, and the Mover.
Question—put and passed.
7. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—The Surveyor General having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of additional Local or Municipal Authorities in Victoria—
Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the establishment of additional Local or Municipal Authorities in Victoria,*" presented—read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October, and to be printed.
8. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—The order of the day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 1 having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved: That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the better control and management of Towns and other places in Victoria,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.
9. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 2, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to make compulsory the practice of Vaccination,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.
10. **LODGING HOUSES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 3, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for the Regulation of common Lodging Houses,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.
11. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 4, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for promoting the Public Health,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.
12. **FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled "*A Bill for the better controul of Seamen belonging to Foreign Vessels,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.

13. PASSENGERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 6, having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Collector of Customs then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for regulating the Conveyance of Passengers to Victoria*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.

14. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 7, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the Execution of Criminals*," be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 11th October next, and to be printed.

15. ROADS AND BRIDGES.—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £200,000 from the proposed vote for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1855, be placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board, to be expended during the present year on the Roads and Bridges of the Colony.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that, out of any sum of money His Excellency may be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 to be expended upon the Roads and Bridges of the Colony, the sum of £300,000 may be placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board, to be expended during the present year on the Roads and Bridges of the Colony, the Council adopted such Report.

16. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Cole postponed the Motion standing in his name, Nos. 2 and 3, "*General Business*," on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS: To move, That before any petition be presented to this Council, the Clerk of the Council shall certify thereon that it is in accordance with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council.
2. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of renewing the Lease of Toorak, for five years from the expiration of the present lease, as a residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
3. THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS: To move, That a Committee be appointed to report upon notices of motion for returns, and to arrange for printing, papers presented in pursuance of such motions.

That when an address for a return shall have been adopted, the Committee shall prepare a form to be presented with the address.

That one Member shall be a quorum in the Committee, and that the Librarian of the House shall act as clerk to the Committee.

That the Committee consist of the following Members:—The Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Miller, and the Mover.

General Business :—

1. MR. O'BRIEN: To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary the reason that the sum of £10,000 which was voted last Session for the erection of a Gaol in Kilmore, has not been laid out in compliance with the vote of this House.
 2. MR. STRACHAN: To ask the Colonial Secretary what means are taken at the Ports in Gipps' Land to carry out the Convicts' Prevention Bill.
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NOTICES OF MOTION:—

3. MR. GREEVES: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.
4. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council as early as practicable—
 - (1.) The Reports of Capt. Ross of the surveys of the Harbors of Corner Inlet, of Welshpool, and Port Albert, together with any sailing directions for the same, or any other information relative to them.
 - (2.) The plans or charts of the above ports.
 - (3.) The Report of the Surveyor who has laid or found out a new line of road from Melbourne to Gipps' Land, and if any estimate has been made of the time it would take and the probable cost of making it passable.
 - (4.) Any Report that may have been made of any surveys or estimates for making passable the crossing places (for stock, &c.) of the old road to Gipps' Land.
 - (5.) Any Report sent by the Crown Lands Commissioner relative to the application to him of sixteen stockholders on 3rd October, 1852, applying for permission to erect a stock-yard, for the purpose of shipping stock on the North Head of "Shallow Inlet," which they represent as being six miles north of the present entrance, and possessing safe anchorage.
5. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, as early as practicable, such statistics, &c., relative to Gipps' Land, to the 30th June last, from the 30th June previous, as it may be in the power of the Government to prepare with relation to—
 - (1.) The population of each portion of the district.
 - (2.) The revenue and expenditure.
 - (3.) The exports and imports.
 - (4.) The produce and stock.
 - (5.) The harbors, rivers, lakes, and inlets.
 - (6.) The public buildings and works.
 - (7.) The lands surveyed and sold.
 - (8.) The lands surveyed and unsold.
 - (9.) The roads and bridges.
 - (10.) The public departments.
 - (11.) The number of vessels arriving, with their tonnage, from 30th June, 1853.
 - (12.) The quantity of ground held by the Government at the port of Port Albert, commonly called Stock Yard Point, for public purposes.
 - (13.) The cost of Custom House at Port Albert, and to whom the land belongs on which it is erected.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLSON: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum of money to place the Lieutenant Governor and Staff, as regards salaries and allowances, in the same position as that afforded them under the "*Bill for establishing a New Constitution for Victoria*," and that this resolution take effect from the date of His Excellency's landing in the Colony.
2. MR. RUSSELL: To move, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into its serious consideration the condition of the productive classes throughout this Colony, and especially to enquire from what cause the present depression in our labor market arises, with a view to provide means, should the same be deemed necessary, for the employment of those free immigrants now reaching our shores.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. HORNE: To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary why the sum voted by the Council last Session, for the completion of the Jetty at Warrnambool, has not been expended on that work.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

2. MR. HODGSON: To move, That the Petitions presented by him on Tuesday, 26th September, from certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, and also from certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong, in the said Colony, be respectively printed.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
 - (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold in the District, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of the Revenue collected by the Customs at Warrnambool, since the Customs first established there, to the end of September.
 - (4.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended.
 - (5.) The amount of Imports and Exports.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS.

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 28th September.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

Friday, 29th September.

LIBRARY—at 2 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 5.

THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—In pursuance of "*The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851*," the Speaker laid upon the Council Table the following Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—

" VICTORIA.

" Pursuant to the provisions of '*The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851*,' I do hereby appoint—

Claud Farie, Esquire,
 John Goodman, Esquire,
 Charles James Griffith, Esquire,
 William Clark Haines, Esquire,
 Henry Miller, Esquire,
 William Nicholson, Esquire, and
 James Ford Strachan, Esquire,

to be Members of a Committee to be called '*The Committee of Elections and Qualifications*.' "

Given under my hand this twenty-eighth day of September, 1854.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

3. MEMORIALS.—The following Memorials praying for the repeal of the Postage Act, 17 Victoria, No. 30, and for the adoption of a uniform penny rate of postage on all letters (exclusive of ocean postage), and that all newspapers be posted free of any charge, were severally presented and received, viz. :—
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Heidelberg—By Mr. Hodgson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Flemington—By Mr. Wilkinson.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Forest Creek Diggings—By Mr. Fyfe.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Campaspie River, Heathcote, Mount Campbell, Colbinibin Creek, and Goulburn Diggings—By Mr. Fellows.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Brighton—By Mr. Miller.
 - From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at St. Kilda—By Mr. Hodgson.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council the undermentioned papers :—
 - Fitz Roy Ward Improvements.—Return of receipts and expenditure furnished in compliance with the requirements of the Act 17 Vic., No. 31, sec. 28.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. PETITIONS.—The Collector of Customs moved, pursuant to notice, "*That*" before any petition be presented to this Council, the Clerk of the Council shall certify thereon that it is in accordance with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council.
 - Mr. Snodgrass moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "*That*" be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words, "the manner in which petitions should be presented to this Council be referred for the consideration of the Standing Orders Committee."
 - Debate ensued.
 - Motion and amendment by leave withdrawn.

6. RESIDENCE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of renewing the Lease of Toorak, for five years from the expiration of the present lease, as a residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had resolved that it was considered expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to take steps to renew the lease of Toorak for a term not exceeding five years from the expiration of the present lease, as a place of residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council adopted such Report.

7. ARRANGEMENT AND PRINTING OF RETURNS.—The Collector of Customs moved, pursuant to amended notice, That a Committee be appointed to report upon notices of motion for returns, and to arrange for printing papers presented in pursuance of such motions.

That when an address for a return shall have been adopted, the Committee shall prepare a form to be presented with the address.

That three Members shall be a quorum in the Committee, and that the Librarian of the House shall act as clerk to the Committee.

That the Committee consist of the following Members :—The Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Miller, and the Member moving for the return.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Greeves postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 3, "*General Business*," on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Thursday, 5th October next.

9. GIPPS' LAND, SURVEYS OF PORTS, ROAD, &c.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to notice, That Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council as early as practicable—

(1.) The Reports of Capt. Ross of the surveys of the Harbors of Corner Inlet, of Welshpool, and Port Albert, together with any sailing directions for the same, or any other information relative to them.

(2.) The plans or charts of the above ports.

(3.) The Report of the Surveyor who has laid or found out a new line of road from Melbourne to Gipps' Land, and if any estimate has been made of the time it would take and the probable cost of making it passable.

(4.) Any Report that may have been made of any surveys or estimates for making passable the crossing places (for stock, &c.) of the old road to Gipps' Land.

(5.) Any Report sent by the Crown Lands Commissioner relative to the application to him of sixteen stockholders on 3rd October, 1852, applying for permission to erect a stock-yard, for the purpose of shipping stock on the North Head of "Shallow Inlet," which they represent as being six miles north of the present entrance, and possessing safe anchorage.

Question—put and passed.

10. GIPPS' LAND STATISTICS.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, as early as practicable, such statistics, &c., relative to Gipps' Land, to the 30th June last, from the 30th June previous, as it may be in the power of the Government to prepare with relation to—

(1.) The population of each portion of the district.

(2.) The revenue and expenditure.

(3.) The exports and imports.

(4.) The produce and stock.

(5.) The harbors, rivers, lakes, and inlets.

(6.) The public buildings and works.

(7.) The lands surveyed and sold

(8.) The lands surveyed and unsold.

(9.) The roads and bridges.

(10.) The public departments.

(11.) The number of vessels arriving, with their tonnage, from 30th June, 1853.

(12.) The quantity of ground held by the Government at the port of Port Albert, commonly called Stock Yard Point, for public purposes.

(13.) The cost of Custom House at Port Albert, and to whom the land belongs on which it is erected.

(14.) The number of Police Stations in Gipps' Land, and where stationed, and where the Police Magistrate is stationed.

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at sixteen minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum of money to place the Lieutenant Governor and Staff, as regards salaries and allowances, in the same position as that afforded them under the "*Bill for establishing a New Constitution for Victoria*," and that this resolution take effect from the date of His Excellency's landing in the Colony.
2. MR. RUSSELL : To move, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into its serious consideration the condition of the productive classes throughout this Colony, and especially to enquire from what cause the present depression in our labor market arises, with a view to provide means, should the same be deemed necessary, for the employment of those free immigrants now reaching our shores.
3. MR. POHLMAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between the Denominational School Board and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the financial position of that Board, from the 14th of February to the 8th of August inclusive.
4. MR. FELLOWS : To move, For leave to bring in a Bill to alter and simplify the form and mode of procedure in an action at law, and to make other provisions in relation thereto.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. HORNE : To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary why the sum voted by the Council last Session, for the completion of the Jetty at Warrnambool, has not been expended on that work.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

2. MR. HODGSON : To move, That the Petitions presented by him on Tuesday, 26th September, from certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, and also from certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong, in the said Colony, be respectively printed.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
 - (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold in the District, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of the Revenue collected by the Customs at Warrnambool, since the Customs first established there, to the end of September.
 - (4.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended.
 - (5.) The amount of Imports and Exports.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a return shewing—
 - (1.) The amount at the credit of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively on the 31st of March, 1854, and also on the 30th of April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, and 31st August, 1854.
 - (2.) Any sum or sums raised by the Administrative Government, by way of cash credit, discount overdraft, or loan from their bankers or others, between the 1st April, 1854, and the 31st August, 1854, stating the amount agreed on, the period for which the loan was taken, at what rate of interest, the name of the establishment making the advance, and how far the same has been operated on.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence on the subject of such overdrafts or cash credits.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 29th September.

LIBRARY—at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 4th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 6th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 6.

FRIDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had pursuant to the resolution of this Council, presented the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, viz. :
Roads and Bridges.—Adopted on the 27th September, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson,
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the measure recommended by the Council to be carried into effect.
3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The Warrant appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications" was again laid upon the Table of the Council.
4. MEMORIALS.—The following Memorials, praying for the repeal of the Postage Act, 17 Victoria, No. 30, and for the adoption of an uniform penny rate of postage on all letters (exclusive of ocean postage), and that all newspapers be posted free of any charge, were severally presented and received, viz. :—
From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Beechworth and Benalla—By Mr. Hodgson.
From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at the Goulburn and Murray River, Avenal, Euroa, and Seymour, and also Seven Creeks, Kinlochewe, and Marengo—By Mr. Snodgrass.
From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Tarrangower Diggings—By Mr. Hodgson.
From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Gisborne.—By Mr. Snodgrass.
From certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Wangaratta—By Mr. Hodgson.
5. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SALARY: Mr. Nicholson moved pursuant to *amended* notice, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of bringing in a Bill to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Staff, as regards salaries and allowances, in the same position as that afforded them under the "*Bill for establishing a New Constitution for Victoria,*" and that this resolution take effect from the date of His Excellency's landing in the Colony.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that a Bill be introduced into this Council to appropriate a sufficient sum to place His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Staff on the same footing, as regards salaries and allowances, as that afforded them under the "*Bill for establishing a New Constitution for Victoria,*" this resolution to take effect from the date of His Excellency's landing in the Colony,—
On the motion of Mr. Nicholson, the Council adopted such report, and ordered a Bill to be brought in accordingly.
Mr. Nicholson then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to alter and increase the sum appropriated to the payment of the Salary of the Governor of the Colony of Victoria, and for other purposes,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time, Tuesday, 3rd October next, and to be printed.

6. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD.—Mr. Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Pohlman, moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between the Denominational School Board and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the financial position of that Board, from the 14th of February to the 8th of August inclusive.

Question—put and passed.

7. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Mr. Fellows, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtaining leave to bring in a Bill to alter and simplify the form and mode of procedure in an action at law.

Bill intituled, "*A Bill to alter and simplify the form and mode of procedure in an action at law, and to make other proceedings in relation thereto,*" presented—Read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time, Friday, 13th October next, and to be printed.

8. PAPERS.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers:—

Inquests.—An Abstract of Inquests held before Coroners, and Inquiries by Justices, from 1st July to 31st December, 1853.

A similar Abstract from 1st January to 30th June, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes to four o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. HORNE: To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary why the sum voted by the Council last Session, for the completion of the Jetty at Warrnambool, has not been expended on that work.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

2. MR. HODGSON: To move, That the Petitions presented by him on Tuesday, 26th September, from certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, and also from certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong, in the said Colony, be respectively printed.
3. MR. FELLOWS: To move, For leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice in a Suit in Equity, and to simplify the mode of procedure therein.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
- (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold in the District, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of the Revenue collected by the Customs at Warrnambool, since the Customs first established there, to the end of September.
 - (4.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended.
 - (5.) The amount of Imports and Exports.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a return shewing—
- (1.) The amount at the credit of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively on the 31st of March, 1854, and also on the 30th of April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, and 31st August, 1854.

- (2.) Any sum or sums raised by the Administrative Government, by way of cash credit, discount, overdraft or loan from their bankers or others, between the 1st April, 1854, and the 31st August, 1854, stating the amount agreed on, the period for which the loan was taken, at what rate of interest, the name of the establishment making the advance, and how far the same has been operated on.
- (3.) Copies of all Correspondence on the subject of such overdrafts or cash credits.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 6th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 7.

TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—

POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 13.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council the accompanying Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated 28th January, 1854, (No. 25), with its enclosures, in reference to the contract entered into with the General Screw Steam Shipping Company for the conveyance of Mails to the Australian Colonies.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, with its accompanying Despatch and enclosures.

NEW SOUTH WALES BANK ACT OF 1852.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 14.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated the 1st day of May, 1854 (No. 19), with its enclosure, relative to an Act passed by the Council in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company, called 'The Bank of New South Wales,' and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch and enclosure.

ACTS OF COUNCIL.—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 15.

Lieutenant Governor.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, sec. 33, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated (in a Despatch dated 20th December, 1853, No. 134), that Her Majesty has been pleased to allow and confirm the undermentioned Acts of Council of this Colony, passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, viz. :—

"*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called, 'The Melbourne, Mount Alexander, and Murray River Railway Company,'*" passed on the 8th February, 1853.

"*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company,'*" passed on the 20th January, 1853.

"*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company,'*" passed on the 8th February, 1853.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed.

APPROPRIATIONS UNDER SCHEDULE B, PART 2, 13 AND 14 VICTORIA, CAP. 59.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 16.

Lieutenant Governor.

In conformity with the provisions of the 19th section of the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, the Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council a statement of the sum intended to be appropriated in the year 1855, out of the sums applicable to the services and purposes specified in the second part of Schedule B annexed to the said Act.

The particulars of the intended appropriation for these services will be shewn in the Estimates of expenditure for the ensuing year.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying statement.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON AT MANILLA.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 17.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council the copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated 30th May, 1854, (Military, No. 4.), with its enclosures, in reference to the reported visit of a Russian Admiral and squadron at Manilla.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch and enclosures.

INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 18.

Lieutenant Governor.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Vict., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

"A Bill to protect the rights of Inventors of articles at the Exhibition in Victoria of 1854."

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 3rd October, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration after the other business for to-day.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The Warrant appointing "The Committee of Elections and Qualifications" was again laid upon the Table of the Council.
4. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented the following Addresses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, viz. :—
 - Residence for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor—Adopted on the 28th September, 1854, on a resolution of a Committee of the whole Council, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would take steps for carrying out the wishes of the Legislative Council in the matter.
 - Gipps' Land—Surveys of Ports, Road, &c.—Adopted on the 28th September, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Reports and Plans requested should be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
 - Gipps' Land—Statistics.—Adopted on the 28th September, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that such practicable statistical information as might be in the power of the Government to give on this subject should be prepared for the information of the Legislative Council.
 - Denominational School Board.—Adopted on the 29th September, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Pohlman, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the copies of the Correspondence on the subject of the financial position of the Denominational School Board to be prepared and laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
5. MR. HODGSON moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petitions presented by him on Tuesday, 26th September, from certain Colonists residing in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, and also from certain Colonists of Victoria residing at Geelong, Ashby, Chilwell, and South Geelong, in the said Colony, be respectively printed.
 - Question—put and passed.
6. MR. FELLOWS having moved, pursuant to notice, for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice in a Suit in Equity, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the Practice in a Suit in Equity, and to simplify the mode of procedure therein,*" presented—read a first time—ordered to be read a second time, Friday, 13th October, and to be printed.
7. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—The Attorney General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 - Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 - On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the above Bill.
 - The Chairman having reported the Bill without any amendment, the Council ordered the report to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
 - Bill as reported to be printed.
8. INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 18, having been read, on the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
 - The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled "*A Bill to protect the rights of Inventors of articles at the Exhibition in Victoria of 1854,*" be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—Adoption of Report.
2. INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
 - (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold in the District, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of the Revenue collected by the Customs at Warrnambool, since the Customs first established there, to the end of September.
 - (4.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended.
 - (5.) The amount of Imports and Exports.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a return shewing—
 - (1.) The amount at the credit of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively on the 31st of March, 1854, and also on the 30th of April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, and 31st August, 1854.
 - (2.) Any sum or sums raised by the Administrative Government, by way of cash credit, discount, overdraft or loan from their bankers or others, between the 1st April, 1854, and the 31st August, 1854, stating the amount agreed on, the period for which the loan was taken, at what rate of interest, the name of the establishment making the advance, and how far the same has been operated on.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence on the subject of such overdrafts or cash credits.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. SMITH: To ask the Chairman of the Central Road Board the names of the contractors for the bridges at Fraser's Old Station, and at Frankston, on the Port Phillip Bay, date of contract, the time in which the works were to have been completed, their present state of forwardness, their prospect of completion, the amount of contract, and amount of surety taken (if any), together with the name or names of sureties, and what steps (if any) have been taken to expedite the work, also an estimate of the difference in cost, if the work was now undertaken, from the original contract.
2. MR. O'BRIEN: To ask the Honorable the Surveyor General the reason why suburban land that has been applied for by certain inhabitants of Seymour has not been offered for sale in compliance with the directions of the late Lieutenant Governor, as specified in a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, dated 4th October, 1853.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

3. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) All correspondence or information relative to a letter called "Agreement of Lease entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a portion of land "fronting the River Yarra," as per Colonial Secretary's letter of 26th January, 1854, to D. A. Hughes.
 - (2.) What applications and who made them, and what claims were urged by or for the Peninsular and Oriental Company.

- (3.) A copy of any communication or information from the Company whether they do or do not accept the offer of the lease.
 - (4.) What applications were made by or for Mr. William Hughes, and what claims he put forth for such an advantage.
 - (5.) Any information as to what services he has performed to entitle him to such a privilege.
 - (6.) If any report has been made by the Colonial Engineer as to the buildings erected and ordered to be pulled down by the Magistrates under the Building Act.
 - (7.) The terms sanctioned by the Government according to the 7th clause of the letter, as to the rates and charges for the use of the wharves, sheds, stores, and regulations for the use thereof.
 - (8.) Information under what Law, Order in Council, or otherwise, the Government can grant such a lease, as well as for charging for the use of the wharf, &c., and the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, if any has been given, on the subject.
4. MR. HODGSON: To move, For leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizens' Lists of the City of Melbourne, and for the receipt of notices of claims and objections relating thereto.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 4th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 6th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole upon this Bill.
Bill to be read a third time, Thursday, 5th October instant.
3. INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Thursday, 5th October instant.
4. WARRNAMBOOL—LAND SALES, &c.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
 - (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold within ten miles of Warrnambool, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended.
 Mr. Griffith moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added at the end of the above motion, viz.,—“(4) Returns similar to the above for the Towns of Alberton, Welshpool, Portland, and Belfast, where the same have not already been furnished to the Council.”
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and negatived.
Question—That an address be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible,—
 - (1.) A Return of the amount received for Land sold in the Town of Warrnambool and suburbs.
 - (2.) A Return of all Lands sold within ten miles of Warrnambool, and amount received for the same.
 - (3.) A Return of Buildings and Improvements made by the Government, and the sum expended—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. James Murphy,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Mollison,
The Solicitor General,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Highett,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General
Mr. Greeves,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller*).

Noes, 3.

Mr. Henty,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Wilkinson, (*Teller*).

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—Third reading.
2. INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.—Third reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a return shewing—
 - (1.) The amount at the credit of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively on the 31st of March, 1854, and also on the 30th of April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, and 31st August, 1854.
 - (2.) Any sum or sums raised by the Administrative Government, by way of cash credit, discount, overdraft or loan from their bankers or others, between the 1st April, 1854, and the 31st August, 1854, stating the amount agreed on, the period for which the loan was taken, at what rate of interest, the name of the establishment making the advance, and how far the same has been operated on.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence on the subject of such overdrafts or cash credits.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. SMITH: To ask the Chairman of the Central Road Board the names of the contractors for the bridges at Fraser's Old Station, and at Frankston, on the Port Phillip Bay, date of contract, the time in which the works were to have been completed, their present state of forwardness, their prospect of completion, the amount of contract, and amount of surety taken (if any), together with the name or names of sureties, and what steps (if any) have been taken to expedite the work, also an estimate of the difference in cost, if the work was now undertaken, from the original contract.

2. MR. O'BRIEN: To ask the Honorable the Surveyor General the reason why suburban land that has been applied for by certain inhabitants of Seymour has not been offered for sale in compliance with the directions of the late Lieutenant Governor, as specified in a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, dated 4th October, 1853.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

3. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council—
- (1.) All correspondence or information relative to a letter called "Agreement of Lease entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a portion of land fronting the River Yarra," as per Colonial Secretary's letter of 26th January, 1854, to D. A. Hughes.
 - (2.) What applications and who made them, and what claims were urged by or for the Peninsular and Oriental Company.
 - (3.) A copy of any communication or information from the Company whether they do or do not accept the offer of the lease.
 - (4.) What applications were made by or for Mr. William Hughes, and what claims he put forth for such an advantage.
 - (5.) Any information as to what services he has performed to entitle him to such a privilege.
 - (6.) If any report has been made by the Colonial Engineer as to the buildings erected and ordered to be pulled down by the Magistrates under the Building Act.
 - (7.) The terms sanctioned by the Government according to the 7th clause of the letter, as to the rates and charges for the use of the wharves, sheds, stores, and regulations for the use thereof.
 - (8.) Information under what Law, Order in Council, or otherwise, the Government can grant such a lease, as well as for charging for the use of the wharf, &c., and the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, if any has been given, on the subject.
4. MR. HODGSON: To move, For leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizens' Lists of the City of Melbourne, and for the receipt of notices of claims and objections relating thereto.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 6th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 9.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill—
“*An Act to alter the sum appropriated to the payment of the salary of the Governor of Victoria.*”
Question—put and passed.
 3. INVENTORS' PROTECTION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill—
“*An Act to protect the rights of Inventors of Articles at the Exhibition in Victoria, of One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*”
Question—put and passed.
 4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers:—
(1.) Corporation of Melbourne.—Return of Expenditure under 17 Vic., No. 13.
(2.) Public Worship.—Return of Expenditure under the Act of Council 16 Vic., No. 28.
Severally ordered to be printed.
 5. REVENUE RETURNS.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a return shewing—
(1.) The amount at the credit of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively on the 31st of March, 1854, and also on the 30th of April, 31st May, 30th June, 31st July, and 31st August, 1854.
(2.) Any sum or sums raised by the Administrative Government, by way of cash credit, discount, overdraft or loan from their bankers or others, between the 1st April, 1854, and the 31st August, 1854, stating the amount agreed on, the period for which the loan was taken, at what rate of interest, the name of the establishment making the advance, and how far the same has been operated on.
(3.) Copies of all Correspondence on the subject of such overdrafts or cash credits.
Question—put and passed.
 6. DISCOVERY OF GOLD.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet to Mr. Hargreaves, the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields, as determined by the Committee of the Council last Session.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet to Mr. Hargreaves, the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields,—the Council adopted such report.
- Council adjourned at ten minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. SMITH: To ask the Chairman of the Central Road Board the names of the contractors for the bridges at Fraser's Old Station, and at Frankston, on the Port Phillip Bay, date of contract, the time in which the works were to have been completed, their present state of forwardness, their prospect of completion, the amount of contract, and amount of surety taken (if any), together with the name or names of sureties, and what steps (if any) have been taken to expedite the work, also an estimate of the difference in cost, if the work was now undertaken, from the original contract.
2. MR. O'BRIEN: To ask the Honorable the Surveyor General the reason why suburban land that has been applied for by certain inhabitants of Seymour has not been offered for sale in compliance with the directions of the late Lieutenant Governor, as specified in a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, dated 4th October, 1853.
3. MR. HODGSON: To ask the President of the Central Road Board if any, and what steps have been taken to construct a Bridge over the Yarra Yarra, leading from Richmond, in accordance with a vote of this House during the last Session?

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

3. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) All correspondence or information relative to a letter called "Agreement of Lease entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a portion of land "fronting the River Yarra," as per Colonial Secretary's letter of 26th January, 1854, to D. A. Hughes.
 - (2.) What applications and who made them, and what claims were urged by or for the Peninsular and Oriental Company.
 - (3.) A copy of any communication or information from the Company whether they do or do not accept the offer of the lease.
 - (4.) What applications were made by or for Mr. William Hughes, and what claims he put forth for such an advantage.
 - (5.) Any information as to what services he has performed to entitle him to such a privilege.
 - (6.) If any report has been made by the Colonial Engineer as to the buildings erected and ordered to be pulled down by the Magistrates under the Building Act.
 - (7.) The terms sanctioned by the Government according to the 7th clause of the letter, as to the rates and charges for the use of the wharves, sheds, stores, and regulations for the use thereof.
 - (8.) Information under what Law, Order in Council, or otherwise, the Government can grant such a lease, as well as for charging for the use of the wharf, &c., and the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, if any has been given, on the subject.
4. MR. HODGSON: To move, For leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizens' Lists of the City of Melbourne, and for the receipt of notices of claims and objections relating thereto.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

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MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.*Friday, 6th October.*

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 10.

FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, the following Bill—
“ Governor's Salary Bill,”
 and that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill—
“ Inventors' Protection Bill.”
3. PETITION.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of East Collingwood, praying the Council, early in the present Session, to cause a Bill to be enacted which would confer on them the rights and powers of Local Government, by which they would be enabled at once to commence works in their district, as set forth in the Petition, before the approach of another winter.
 Petition received.
4. LEASE OF WHARF LAND TO PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) All correspondence or information relative to a letter called “ Agreement of “ Lease entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for a portion of land “ fronting the River Yarra,” as per Colonial Secretary's letter of 26th January, 1854, to D. A. Hughes.
 - (2.) What applications and who made them, and what claims were urged by or for the Peninsular and Oriental Company.
 - (3.) A copy of any communication or information from the Company whether they do or do not accept the offer of the lease.
 - (4.) What applications were made by or for Mr. William Hughes, and what claims he put forth for such an advantage.
 - (5.) Any information as to what services he has performed to entitle him to such a privilege.
 - (6.) If any report has been made by the Colonial Engineer as to the buildings erected and ordered to be pulled down by the Magistrates under the Building Act.
 - (7.) The terms sanctioned by the Government according to the 7th clause of the letter, as to the rates and charges for the use of the wharves, sheds, stores, and regulations for the use thereof.
 - (8.) Information under what Law, Order in Council, or otherwise, the Government can grant such a lease, as well as for charging for the use of the wharf, &c., and the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, if any has been given, on the subject.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
5. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.—Mr. Hodgson having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizen Lists of the City of Melbourne, Bill, intituled, “ *A Bill to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the “ collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizen Lists of the City of “ Melbourne, and for the receipt of Notices of Claims, and objections thereto,*” presented—read a first time—ordered to be read a second time Thursday, 12th October instant, and to be printed.

Council adjourned at five minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Executive Government to continue to give pre-emptive leases to holders of adjacent lands under the Regulations of 29th March, 1848, professing to be in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council of 9th March, 1847.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FRANCIS MURPHY: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of adopting the following resolution—
That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that from the amount of £300,000 recently placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board on the recommendation of this House, a sum not exceeding £30,000 be appropriated in aid of any voluntary subscriptions which may be raised in the suburbs of Collingwood, Richmond, and Prahran, for the purpose of forming, draining, and metalling such portions of the chief thoroughfares in these localities as are situated outside the limits of corporate taxation.
2. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing—
 - (1.) The number of acres sold by the Crown in the Settled Districts of Victoria, from the commencement of the Colony to 1st October, 1854.
 - (2.) The number of acres held under pre-emptive lease, under the Regulations of 29th March, 1848, to the same date.
 - (3.) Number of landholders who have claimed pre-emptive leases under these Regulations, to the same date.
 - (4.) Number of pastoral tenants of the Crown holding annual leases under these Regulations at £1 per section, with the number of acres collectively held by them in this way, on 1st October, 1854.
 - (5.) Number of acres leased at 10s. per section, at the same date.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL.—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL.—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. POHLMAN: To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of moving an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, the sum of £50,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the purpose of meeting claims for aid in the erection of school buildings, salaries to teachers, and other purposes, from the 18th of April to the 31st December of this year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

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MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 10th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 13th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 11.

TUESDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain landed proprietors, householders, and residents of Emerald Hill, parish of South Melbourne, praying the Council to reject a Petition, from certain proprietors and residents of Sandridge, praying that a charter of incorporation as a borough might be granted to the districts of Emerald Hill and Sandridge united, in as far as Emerald Hill was interested.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
 - (1.) Denominational School Board.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Pohlman, 29th September, 1854.
 - (2.) Denominational School Board.—Report from the Denominational School Board for the year 1853.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Emerald Hill, South Melbourne, praying the Council would as early as possible take into serious consideration the necessity of passing an Act for the purpose of carrying out the suggestions embodied in the Report from the Select Committee on Local Funds, in order that the petitioners might petition His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be proclaimed a separate District or Borough for the administration of local funds, and be thereby enabled to effect the improvements and supply the wants of the locality in which the petitioners reside.
Petition received.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 19.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill to prevent the influx of unreformed Criminals into Victoria.”

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 10th October, 1854.*

 Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. COLLINGWOOD, RICHMOND, AND PRAHRAN THOROUGHFARES.—Mr. Francis Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of adopting the following resolution—

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that from the amount of £300,000 recently placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board on the recommendation of this House, a sum not exceeding £30,000 be appropriated in aid of any voluntary subscriptions which may be raised in the suburbs of Collingwood, Richmond, and Prahran, for the purpose of forming, draining, and metalling such portions of the chief thoroughfares in these localities as are situated outside the limits of corporate taxation.

 Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that from the amount of £300,000 recently placed at the disposal of the Central Road Board on the recommendation of this House, a sum not exceeding £30,000 be appropriated in aid of any voluntary subscriptions which may be raised in the suburbs of Collingwood, Richmond, and Prahran, for the purpose of forming, draining, and metalling such portions of the chief thoroughfares in these localities as are situated outside the limits of corporate taxation,—the Council adopted such resolution.

7. CROWN LANDS' SALE AND LEASES.—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing—

- (1.) The number of acres sold by the Crown in the Settled, Unsettled, and Intermediate Districts of Victoria, from the commencement of the Colony to 1st October, 1854.
- (2.) The number of acres held under pre-emptive lease, under the Regulations of 29th March, 1848, at the same date.
- (3.) Number of landholders who have claimed pre-emptive leases under these Regulations, at the same date.
- (4.) Number of pastoral tenants of the Crown holding annual leases under these Regulations at £1 per section, with the number of acres collectively held by them in this way, on 1st October, 1854.
- (5.) Number of acres leased at 10s. per section, at the same date.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—

Return of Customs' Revenue and of Imports and Exports at Warrnambool, from the period of its being opened as a port of entry and clearance (*viz.*, 1st March, 1854), to the 30th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes past four o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. PASSENGERS BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.
9. INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 19.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1854.

General Business :—

1. MR. BEAVER : To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary why the sums voted by the Council last Session for the improvement of the harbor and the erection of a gaol at Belfast, Port Fairy, have not been expended.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. POHLMAN : To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of moving an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, the sum of £50,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the purpose of meeting claims for aid in the erection of school buildings, salaries to teachers, and other purposes, from the 18th of April to the 31st December of this year.

2. MR. MOLLISON: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole in order to prepare a dutiful Address to the Queen, entreating that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in Victoria be laid before Parliament, on its reassembling, with the least possible delay.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. A'BECKETT: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the present state of the Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the Colony of Victoria, with the view of framing a law for the amendment thereof.
Contingent on such motion being carried, that such Committee do consist of—The Attorney General, the Acting Solicitor General, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 11th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 13th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 18th October, instant :—
 - “ *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill—Second reading ;*”
 - “ *Management of Towns Bill—Second reading ;*”
 - “ *Compulsory Vaccination Bill—Second reading ;*”
 - “ *Lodging Houses Bill—Second reading ;*”
 - “ *Public Health Promotion Bill—Second reading ;*”
 - “ *Foreign Seaman’s Bill—Second reading.*”
 3. PASSENGERS’ BILL.—The Collector of Customs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, received and read :—

OFFENDERS AT LARGE AMENDMENT ACT.

CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 20.*
Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the Copy of a Despatch with its enclosures, from the Right Honorable the Secretary, dated 24th June, 1854, No. 2, relative to the Act passed on the 11th October, 1853, intituled, “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to offenders illegally at large.*”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 11th October, 1854.

On the motion of Mr. Snodgrass the Message and its Enclosures were read by the clerk, and on the motion of the Colonial Secretary ordered to be printed.
 5. PASSENGERS BILL.—Question (interrupted by the delivery of the above Message) that this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time—ordered to be considered in Committee, Thursday, 12th October instant.
 6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 18th October instant,
 - “ *Execution of Criminals Bill*”—*second reading.*
 7. INFLEX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message No. 19, having been read,—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Message was read by the Clerk. The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that this Bill be referred for consideration to a Select Committee, to consist of the following members, viz.,—The Attorney General, The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Fawkner, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haines, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. O’Shanassy, and Mr. Strachan.

Question—put and passed.
- Council adjourned at thirteen minutes to four o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PASSENGERS BILL—To be considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. BEAVER : To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary why the sums voted by the Council last Session for the improvement of the harbor and the erection of a gaol at Belfast, Port Fairy, have not been expended.
2. MR. GOODMAN : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether all the lands sold on the 28th ultimo in the parish of Korkuperrimul, on Mr. H. Matson's run, were included in any Proclamation of a reserve of Crown Lands from pastoral purposes.
 - (2.) Whether the Government last year led Mr. Matson to understand that the lands included within the boundaries of his run should not be sold unless comprised within a reserve.
 - (3.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to return Mr. Matson the money paid by him in respect of license fee and assessment for the current year for his station, from which the land above referred to has been alienated.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAINES : To move, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the table of the Council, a Return shewing—
 - (1.) The progress of all Public Works for which sums were voted during the Session of Council 1853—54.
 - (2.) The sums which have been expended on each of these works.
 - (3.) The difference between the sum voted for each work and that expended.
 - (4.) The sum proposed to be expended on each work during the remainder of the year 1854.
 - (5.) In case of any sum or any portion of any sum which has been voted for any particular work being unexpended, the reasons why such sum is not expended.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. POHLMAN : To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of moving an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, the sum of £50,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the purpose of meeting claims for aid in the erection of school buildings, salaries to teachers, and other purposes, from the 18th of April to the 31st December of this year.
2. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole in order to prepare a dutiful Address to the Queen, entreating that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in Victoria be laid before Parliament, on its reassembling, with the least possible delay.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. A'BECKETT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the present state of the Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the Colony of Victoria, with the view of framing a law for the amendment thereof.
Contingent on such motion being carried, that such Committee do consist of—The Attorney General, the Acting Solicitor General, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 12th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 13th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 13.

THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the following order of the day was postponed until after the consideration of the other business for to-day:—
“ Passengers Bill—To be considered in Committee.”
3. PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of the Council, a Return shewing—
 - (1.) The progress of all Public Works for which sums were voted during the Session of Council 1853–54.
 - (2.) The sums which have been expended on each of these works.
 - (3.) The difference between the sum voted for each work and that expended.
 - (4.) The sum proposed to be expended on each work during the remainder of the year 1854.
 - (5.) In case of any sum or any portion of any sum which has been voted for any particular work being unexpended, the reasons why such sum is not expended.
 Question—put and passed.
4. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.—Mr. Hodgson moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 On the motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the above Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council agreed to the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Wednesday next, the 18th instant.
5. PASSENGERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read,—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next, the 19th October.
 Council adjourned at a quarter to four o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. POHLMAN: To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of moving an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, the sum of £50,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the purpose of meeting claims for aid in the erection of school buildings, salaries to teachers, and other purposes, from the 18th of April to the 31st December of this year.
2. MR. MOLLISON: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole in order to prepare a dutiful Address to the Queen, entreating that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in Victoria be laid before Parliament, on its reassembling, with the least possible delay.
3. MR. FELLOWS: To move, For leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of persons having claims against the Local Government of Victoria.
4. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the Council, upon its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday, the 18th of October, at three o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.
2. EQUITY PRACTICE BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 1854.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. A'BECKETT : To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the present state of the Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the Colony of Victoria, with the view of framing a law for the amendment thereof.

Contingent on such motion being carried, that such Committee do consist of—The Attorney General, the Acting Solicitor General, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to alter and amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act to incorporate a Company, to be called the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.’* ”

Contingent—To move, That when the Bill shall be read a first time it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Surveyor General, Messrs. McCulloch, Haines, Nicholson, Fyfe, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 13th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 14.

FRIDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S BILL.—Mr. William Nicholson presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Colonial Insurance Company, established in the City of Melbourne, praying that leave might be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, to be called "*The Colonial Insurance Company*," in the City of Melbourne, and for other purposes therein mentioned: to which Petition was annexed a printed copy of the proposed Bill.
Petition received.
Mr. Nicholson then produced the *Victoria Government Gazette* of July 14th, 1854, July 21st, 1854, July 28th, 1854, August 3rd, 1854, and the *Argus* newspaper of July 5th, 1854, July 12th, 1854, July 19th, 1854, and July 26th, 1854, respectively, containing the Notice of the intended application for such Bill.
3. NEW CONSTITUTION ACT.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole in order to prepare a dutiful Address to the Queen, entreating that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in Victoria be laid before Parliament, on its re-assembling, with the least possible delay.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that a dutiful Address be presented to the Queen, entreating that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in Victoria be laid before Parliament, on its re-assembling, with the least possible delay, and the Council adopted such report.
Mr. Mollison then moved that the following gentlemen, viz.,—The Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Greaves, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Haines, and Mr. Mollison, be appointed a Select Committee to prepare such Address.
Question—put and passed.
4. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Mr. Fellows having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of persons having claims against the local Government of Victoria—Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the relief of persons having claims against the local Government of Victoria*," presented—read a first time—and ordered to be read a second time Tuesday, 24th October instant, and to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday, the 18th of October, at three o'clock.
Question—put and passed.
6. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—Mr. Fellows moved that this Bill be "*now*" read a second "*time*."
The Acting Solicitor General moved, as an amendment, that the word "*now*" be omitted, and that the words "*this day six months*" be added after the word "*time*."
Debate ensued.

Mr. Griffiths moved as a further amendment, That the words "*six months*" be omitted from the proposed amendment, and the word "*week*" inserted in lieu thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word "*now*," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the original question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 20.
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller*).

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Farie,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Francis Murphy,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Cole,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields, (*Teller*).

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed—Bill read a second time—and ordered to be considered in Committee, Tuesday, 24th October instant.

7. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—On the motion of Mr. Fellows the Council ordered that the undermentioned Order of the Day be discharged from the paper—
 "*Equity Practice Bill—Second reading.*"
8. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper—
 Revenue Returns—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Miller, 5th October, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council, that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented the following addresses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, viz. :—

Warrnambool—Land Sales, &c.,—adopted on the 4th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Horne,
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that he would cause these returns to be furnished without delay.

Revenue Returns—adopted on the 5th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Miller,
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that these returns will be laid upon the table of the Legislative Council.

Discovery of Gold—adopted on the 5th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Greeves,
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that he would cause the necessary steps to be taken in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.

Lease of Wharf Land to the Peninsular and Oriental Company—adopted on the 6th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole,
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that the correspondence should be laid upon the table of the Legislative Council according to their request

Collingwood, Richmond and Prahran thoroughfares—adopted on the 10th October, 1854, upon a resolution of a committee of the whole Council,
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum of £30,000 to be appropriated in the manner recommended by the Legislative Council, out of the whole amount of £300,000.

Crown Land Sales and Leases—adopted on the 10th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Campbell,
 and that His Excellency had in reply to such address, been pleased to state that the returns should be prepared without delay, and furnished for the information of the Legislative Council.

Council adjourned at seven minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock on Wednesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
7. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

1. MR. MOLLISON : To Ask the Colonial Secretary—
 - (1.) What proportion of the sum of £300,000, recommended by the Council to be sent home last Session for Emigration purposes, is now supposed to remain unexpended in the hands of the Commissioners.
 - (2.) Whether he will be shortly prepared to state to the House the views of the Colonial Government as to making further remittances to support Assisted Immigration.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

2. MR. STRACHAN : To move, For leave to bring in "*A Bill to alter and amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act to incorporate a Company, to be called the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.'*"

Contingent—To move, That when the Bill shall be read a first time it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, The Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Haines, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Fyfe, and the Mover.
3. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying him to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) A return of the number of convictions under the "*Convicts Prevention Act*" since the passing of that Act to the present time.
 - (2.) The nature of the sentence passed in each case, and whether such sentence has been carried out, or otherwise.
 - (3.) The number of offenders now undergoing sentence.
4. MR. FYFE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to cause to be laid on the Table of this House an account of the money expended on the Postage Department, and of the revenue collected from that Department since the time the last Act came into operation up to the end of last quarter.
5. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the correspondence relative to Mr. Pohlman's resignation of his seat as a non-elective Member of the Legislative Council.
6. MR. HORNE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible, a return, shewing the sum received for every statute adult under the "*Passenger Act, 1852,*" and the sum expended thereout to end of September last.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 18th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 19th October.

CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—The Speaker announced that there had been handed to him Letters Patent, under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Seal of the Colony of Victoria, bearing date at Melbourne the sixteenth day of October, 1854, appointing Charles Pasley, Esq., Captain R.E., Colonial Engineer of the Colony of Victoria, a Non-Elective Member of the said Legislative Council, until Her Majesty's pleasure be known. Captain Pasley, was then introduced, and, having taken the Oath, took his seat in the Council as a Member thereof.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain Householders in East Collingwood, praying the Council would give immediate sanction to the Bill for the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities in Victoria, so that the Petitioners might be at once invested with the right and power to make the streets in their district passable for man and horse before the approach of another winter.
Petition received.
4. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company, praying that leave might be given to bring in a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled 'An Act to amend an Act to incorporate a Company to be called The Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.'*"
Petition received.
Mr. Strachan then produced the *Victoria Government Gazette* of 18th July, 25th July, 1st August, 8th August, 1854; *Melbourne Morning Herald* newspaper of 18th July, 26th July, 2nd August, and 9th August, 1854; and the *Gelong Advertiser and Intelligencer* of 18th July, 25th July, 1st August, and 8th August, 1854, respectively, containing the notice of the intended application for such Bill.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Fawcner presented a Petition from James and Robert S. McEachern, late wholesale wine and spirit merchants, in the township of Wangaratta, praying the Council to call for a return of record referred to in the Petition, and to appoint a Committee to enquire into and report upon the same.
Petition received.
6. NEW MEMBER.—William Forlonge, Esq., was introduced as Member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Villiers and Heytesbury, and having taken the oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following declaration, took his seat as Member for such Electoral District.

"I, William Forlonge, 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 yearly value of one hundred pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the district of Murray and comprise land to the extent of six hundred and forty acres, situated on the Seven Creeks, together with the houses, &c., &c., thereon: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

" W. FORLONGE."

7. **PETITION.**—The Attorney General presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England Association for promoting Temperance, deploring the fact of an enormous consumption of intoxicating liquor by the people of this Colony, and praying the Council to institute further investigations, with a view to the adoption of comprehensive repressive and remedial measures.
Petition received.
8. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—The Surveyor General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Surveyor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“*Management of Towns Bill.—Second reading.*”
“*Lodging Houses Bill.—Second reading.*”
“*Public Health Promotion Bill.—Second reading.*”
“*Foreign Seaman’s Bill.—Second reading.*”
10. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave so sit again to-morrow.
11. **EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.**—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Colonial Secretary then moved that the above motion be withdrawn, and that the consideration of the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be postponed until to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
12. **CONVICTIONS UNDER “THE CONVICTS PREVENTION ACT.”**—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying him to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—
(1.) A return of the number of convictions under the “*Convicts Prevention Act*” since the passing of that Act to the present time.
(2.) The nature of the sentence passed in each case, and whether such sentence has been carried out, or otherwise.
(3.) The number of offenders now undergoing sentence.
Question—put and passed.
13. **POST OFFICE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.**—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to *amended* notice That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to cause to be laid on the Table of this House an account of the number of letters and newspapers which have passed through the Post Office in each month of the present year, and of the revenue and expenditure of that Department during these periods, respectively.
Question—put and passed.
14. **RESIGNATION OF MR. POHLMAN.**—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the correspondence relative to Mr. Pohlman’s resignation of his seat as a Non-Elective Member of the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
15. **RECEIPTS UNDER PASSENGER ACT.**—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, at as early a date as possible, a return, shewing the sum received under the local “*Passenger Act*,” and the sum expended thereout to end of September last.
Question—put and passed.
16. **MELBOURNE CITIZEN LISTS BILL.**—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Hodgson, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Hodgson then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“*An Act to provide for the extension of the time allowed for the collection, publication, and exhibition of the Citizen Lists of the City of Melbourne, and for the receipt of notices of claims and objections relating thereto.*”
Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at five minutes past six o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1854.

Government Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th instant from certain Members of the Church of England Association for promoting temperance be printed, and that it be referred to the Select Committee of the Council now sitting on "*Liquors' Sale Law.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
6. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
7. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
8. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be suspended all works now going on in building the proposed College, and apply the sums voted by this Council for that purpose, and such further sum as shall be necessary, in the immediate erection of additional Gaols, preparatory to the further importation of the convict population of the sister colony of V. D. Land into this colony.
2. MR. COLE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council the particulars of any negotiation or correspondence relative to Mr. O'Shanassy's motion of the 8th April last, as to the purchase of the right, &c., of the Shareholders in the Melbourne, Mount Alexander and Murray River Railway Company.
3. MR. NICHOLSON: To move, For leave to bring in "*A Bill to incorporate a Joint-Stock Company to be called 'The Colonial Insurance Company,' in the City of Melbourne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"
Contingent—When the Bill shall be read a first time—To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of The Collector of Customs, Mr. A'Beckett, Mr. J. T. Smith, Mr. Russell, Mr. Annand, Mr. Greeves, and the mover.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1854.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th October.

CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—at 12 o'clock.
INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 16.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. THE GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Geelong, in the County of Grant, praying that leave might be given to bring in “*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called ‘The Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Company.’*”

Petition received.

Mr. Strachan then produced the *Victoria Government Gazette* of 7th July, 14th July, 21st July, and 28th July, 1854; the *Argus* newspaper of 6th July, 13th July, 20th July, and 27th July, 1854; and the *Geelong Advertiser and Intelligencer* of 5th July, 11th July, and 26th July, 1854, respectively, containing the notice of the intended application for such Bill.

3. THE MELBOURNE, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from certain persons, on behalf of themselves and others, forming a Company called “*The Melbourne, Brighton, and South-Eastern Railway Company,*” praying that leave might be given them to bring in a Bill to invest the Petitioners and such Company with the powers, and for effecting the purposes set forth in the Petition, in such manner, by such ways and means, and under such regulations and restrictions as the Council should deem meet.

Petition received.

Mr. Hodgson then produced the *Victoria Government Gazette* of 11th August, 15th August, 22nd August, and 29th August, 1854; the *Melbourne Morning Herald* newspaper of 25th August, 1st September, 9th September, and 15th September, 1854; and the *Argus* newspaper of 8th August, 14th August, 21st August, and 28th August, 1854, respectively, containing the notice of the intended application for such Bill.

4. INTEMPERANCE.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Petition presented by him on the 18th instant from certain Members of the Church of England Association for promoting Temperance was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved, pursuant to notice, that such Petition be printed, and referred to the Select Committee of the Council now sitting on “*Liquors’ Sale Laws.*”

Question—put and passed.

5. PASSENGERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

6. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

7. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

“ *Management of Towns Bill.*—*Second reading.*”

“ *Public Health Promotion Bill.*—*Second reading*”—until Thursday, 26th October instant.

“ *Lodging Houses Bill.*—*Second reading*”—until Wednesday, 25th October instant.

“ *Foreign Seaman’s Bill.*—*Second reading ;*” and

“ *Execution of Criminals Bill.*—*Second reading*”—until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at quarter past six o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be suspended all works now going on in building the proposed College, and apply the sums voted by this Council for that purpose, and such further sum as shall be necessary, in the immediate erection of additional Gaols, preparatory to the further importation of the convict population of the sister colony of V. D. Land into this colony.
2. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council the particulars of any negotiation or correspondence relative to Mr. O’Shanassy’s motion of the 8th April last, as to the purchase of the right, &c., of the Shareholders in the Melbourne, Mount Alexander and Murray River Railway Company.
3. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate a Joint-Stock Company to be called ‘The Colonial Insurance Company,’ in the City of Melbourne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”
Contingent—When the Bill shall be read a first time—To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of The Collector of Customs, Mr. A’Beckett, Mr. J. T. Smith, Mr. Russell, Mr. Annand, Mr. Greeves, and the mover.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That this House be called over on Friday, the 10th of November next, for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the ‘ *Convicts Prevention Act,*’ and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen’s Prerogative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. FOREIGN SEAMAN’S BILL—Second reading.
5. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That this Council, viewing with regret the retirement of R. W. Pohlman, Esq., Chairman of General Sessions, as a member of the Legislative Council, desires to record the high esteem in which it has always held that gentleman, and requests the Speaker to make this resolution known to Mr. Pohlman.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a copy of all the correspondence which has taken place relating to the seizure of the goods belonging to the Messrs. M’Eacherns, under the care of Mr. Wilkie, seized and condemned by the Police Magistrate, Mr. Harper, in November last.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.

 THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.

 MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th October.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 17.

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Shipmasters, and other inhabitants of the Town and Port of Portland, praying the Council would be pleased to take such measures in the case set forth in the Petition as might be required for carrying the plan therein proposed into execution.
Petition received.
Mr. Fawcner presented a Memorial from certain mechanics and laborers in and about Melbourne, praying the Council might be pleased to take their case as set forth in their Memorial, into due consideration, and if possible cause such public measures to be adopted as would tend to their being employed in the manner most suited to their respective capacities.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid on the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper, viz :—
Public Roads.—A General Statement of Works carried on by the Central Road Board to 1st October, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented the following addresses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor :—
Public Works.—Adopted on the 12th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Haines, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Returns should be prepared according to the request of the Legislative Council, and laid upon the Table.
Convictions under the "*Convicts Prevention Act.*"—Adopted on the 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause these Returns to be laid upon the table of the Legislative Council without delay.
Post Office Receipts and Expenditure.—Adopted on the 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Fyfe, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would take such steps as might be calculated to carry out the wishes of the Legislative Council.
Resignation by Mr. Pohlman of his seat as a Non-Elective Member of the Council.—Adopted on the 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Campbell, and that His Excellency, in reply to such Address, had been pleased to state that copies of the Correspondence would be presented, in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
Receipts under "*Passengers Act.*"—Adopted on the 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Horne, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the return should be furnished without delay.
5. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill :—
"*The Melbourne Citizen Lists Bill.*"
6. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council, the undermentioned Paper :—
Resignation by Mr. Pohlman of his seat in the Legislative Council.—Return to address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Campbell, 18th October, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.

7. PURCHASE BY GOVERNMENT OF THE MOUNT ALEXANDER RAILWAY.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council the particulars of any negotiation or correspondence relative to Mr. O'Shanassy's motion of the 8th April last, as to the purchase of the right, &c., of the Shareholders in the Melbourne, Mount Alexander and Murray River Railway Company. Question—put and passed.
8. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, to be called 'The Colonial Insurance Company', in the City of Melbourne, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Question—put and passed. Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill. Mr. Nicholson having produced a certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony presented the Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to incorporate a certain Joint-Stock Company called 'The Colonial Insurance Company,' in the City of Melbourne, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*" Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time. Mr. Nicholson then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of The Collector of Customs, Mr. A'Beckett, Mr. J. T. Smith, Mr. Russell, Mr. Annand, Mr. Greeves, and the mover. Question—put and passed.
9. CONVICTS PREVENTION ACT.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That this House be called over on Friday, the 10th of November next, for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the '*Convicts Prevention Act,*' and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative. Question—put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following order of the day
"Passengers Bill—To be further considered in Committee"—
 be postponed until after the consideration of the second order for to-day.
11. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
"Passengers Bill.—To be further considered in Committee"—until Tuesday, 24th October instant.
"Compulsory Vaccination Bill.—To be further considered in Committee."
"Foreign Seaman's Bill.—Second reading;" and
"Execution of Criminals Bill.—Second reading"—until Wednesday, 25th October instant.
- Council adjourned at six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That this Council, viewing with regret the retirement of R. W. Pohlman, Esq., Chairman of General Sessions, as a member of the Legislative Council, desires to record the high esteem in which it has always held that gentleman, and requests the Speaker to make this resolution known to Mr. Pohlman.
2. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a copy of all the correspondence which has taken place relating to the seizure of the goods belonging to the Messrs. M'Eacherns, under the care of Mr. Wilkie, seized and condemned by the Police Magistrate, Mr. Harper, in November last.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Second reading.
2. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
3. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PASSENGERS BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
4. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE: To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 a sum of £3000 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institute at Geelong.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the ' *Convicts Prevention Act,*' and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th October.

MARRIAGE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 25th October.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 18.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from John Hodgson, Mayor of the City of Melbourne, Chairman of a public meeting of the Colonists of Victoria, praying that in order to the protection of the Colonists from further inundation with foreign crime, and in vindication of the right of freedom of legislation of this Council, the Council would reject "*The Convicts Influx Bill*," and re-enact "*The Convicts Prevention Act*," with such additional clauses as would prevent the introduction to Victoria of the convicted criminals of other countries or colonies on any pretext whatsoever.
Petition received.
3. Mr. Fellows presented a Petition from William Gray, of the Town of Geelong, praying that Standing Order No. 45 of this Council might be suspended, and that leave might be given him to present a Petition with the Bill annexed, according to Standing Order No. 57.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
Government Botanist.—Second General Report of the Government Botanist on the Vegetation of the Colony.
Ordered to be printed.
Gipps' Land.—Surveys of Ports, Road, &c.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Cole, 28th September, 1854.
Report ordered to be printed, and Plans ordered to lie upon the Table.
5. RESIGNATION OF SEAT IN COUNCIL.—The Speaker announced that he had received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, enclosing copy of a letter from Alexander Thomson, Esq., resigning his seat as one of the members for Geelong in this Council.
6. PAPERS.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council,
Supreme Court—Insolvency Jurisdiction Rule *amended*.
Ordered to be printed.
7. PETITION.—Mr. Mollison presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Kyneton and neighbourhood, praying the Council would be pleased to take the subject of the establishment of a general registry of horses into immediate and serious consideration, and generally to frame such laws for the suppression of the appalling prevalency of horse-stealing as to the Council might seem meet.
Petition received.
8. MR. POHLMAN.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That this Council, viewing with regret the retirement of R. W. Pohlman, Esq., Chairman of General Sessions, as a member of the Legislative Council, desires to record the high esteem in which it has always held that gentleman, and requests the Speaker to make this resolution known to Mr. Pohlman.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Snodgrass moved the previous question.
Debate continued.
Question—That this question be now put—put and negatived.
9. MESSRS. MCEACHERNS.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a copy of all the correspondence which has taken place relating to the seizure of the goods belonging to the Messrs. McEacherns, under the care of Mr. Wilkie, seized and condemned by the Police Magistrate, Mr. Harper, in November last.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.

10. CLAIMANTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT RELIEF BILL.—Mr. Fellows moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Council divided.

Ayes, 18.
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Horne.
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.
 Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 The Solicitor General,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Attorney General,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

"Common Law Practice Bill.—To be considered in Committee"—until Tuesday, 7th November next.

"Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.—To be further considered in Committee"—until to-morrow.

"Passengers Bill.—To be further considered in Committee"—until Thursday, 26th instant.

Council adjourned at quarter past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Second reading.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Second reading.
4. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Second reading.
5. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business:—

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FYFE: To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 a sum of £3000 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institute at Geelong.
2. MR. HODGSON: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, from John Hodgson, as Chairman of a public meeting of the Citizens and Colonists generally, held in the City of Melbourne on the 23rd instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the recently received Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," be printed and referred to the Committee now sitting on the subject.
3. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That the Petition of Messrs. McEachern and Wilkie, presented by him on the 18th of October instant, be referred to a Select Committee of this Council, to report to the Council the amount of damage sustained by Petitioners by reason of the seizure of their goods and confiscation thereof by the Police Magistrate, G. M. Harper, Esq.; and that the Committee consist of Mr. Beaver, Mr. Burnley, Mr. Cole, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Hervey, Mr. Horne, and the Mover.
4. MR. MOLLISON: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the inhabitants of the District of Kyneton and neighbourhood, in the Colony of Victoria, be printed.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 25th October.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 26th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from James Ellis, of Cremorne Gardens, Richmond, licensed victualler, praying that the law in respect of closing licensed houses on Sundays might be made like to the law of England, with such concomitant regulations as the Council might think proper to affix.
Petition received.
 3. LODGING HOUSES BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time and ordered to be considered in Committee, Wednesday, 1st November next.
 4. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 1st November next.
 5. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time
Question put and passed—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee Wednesday, 1st November next.
 6. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee Wednesday, 1st November next.
 7. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 8. INFUX OF CRIMINALS.—On the Motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, signed by John Hodgson, as Chairman of a public meeting of the Colonists of Victoria, held in the City of Melbourne on the 23rd instant, for the purpose of taking into consideration the recently received Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," was read by the Clerk.
Mr. Hodgson then moved, pursuant to notice, that such Petition be printed, and referred to the Committee now sitting on "*The Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill*."
Question—put and passed.
 9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Fawcner postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 3, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, the 27th October instant, and
Mr. Mollison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 4, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 1st November next.
- Council adjourned at twenty minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Second reading.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the Petition of James Ellis, presented by him to the Council on the 25th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sale of Liquors Laws.
 2. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: To move for leave to bring in "*A Bill to enable the bishops, clergy, and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Victoria, to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church.*"
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FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER.

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1. LODGING HOUSES BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—To be considered in Committee.
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TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, and the "Convicts Prevention Act," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 26th October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Copy Correspondence respecting Collection of Duties on the River Murray.
Ordered to be printed.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 2nd November next :—
“ *Management of Towns Bill—Second reading.*”
4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee Thursday, 2nd November next.
5. PASSENGERS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 2nd November next.
6. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of Mr. Greeves, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Greeves, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow; and
The Attorney General postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at two minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MYLES : To move, That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to report on the Bill for the prevention of the introduction of unreformed Criminals, that they enquire into and report upon the mode adopted by the authorities in Van Diemen's Land in granting conditional pardons, so as to inform this House if the reports extant in this Colony be true, that criminals are provided with conditional pardons irrespective of evidence of reformation manifested by them.
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3. **MR. GREEVES:** To move, That the Petition of James Ellis, presented by him to the Council on the 25th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sale of Liquors Laws.
4. **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:** To move for leave to bring in "*A Bill to enable the bishops, clergy, and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Victoria, to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church.*"

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER.

1. **MR. SMITH:** To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of Government to make any provision from the public funds to meet the outstanding claims on the Denominational School Board during the present year, and if so in what manner.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. HODGSON:** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the ensuing year, the sum of £5000 as a testimonial to Mrs. Chisholm, expressive of the recognition by the Government and the People of the important services rendered by Mrs. Chisholm in the cause of colonization, conditional on the sum of £2500 being raised by private subscription.
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THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.

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Friday, 27th October.

INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 21.

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council
Post Office Receipts and Expenditure.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Fyfe, 18th October, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
3. UNREFORMED CRIMINALS—VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.—Mr. Myles moved, pursuant to notice, That it be an instruction to the Committee appointed to report on the Bill for the prevention of the introduction of unreformed Criminals, that they enquire into and report upon the mode adopted by the authorities in Van Diemen's Land in granting conditional pardons, so as to inform this House if the reports extant in this Colony be true, that criminals are provided with conditional pardons irrespective of evidence of reformation manifested by "them."
Mr. Snodgrass moved as an amendment, That the words "or upon the express condition of their leaving Van Diemen's Land" be added after the word "them."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words "or upon the express condition of their leaving Van Diemen's Land" be added after the word "them"—put and passed.
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4. MESSRS. McEACHERN AND WILKIE.—Mr. Fawkner moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Messrs. McEachern and Wilkie, presented by him on the 18th of October instant, be referred to a Select Committee of this Council, to report to the Council the amount of damage sustained by Petitioners by reason of the seizure of their goods and confiscation thereof by the Police Magistrate, G. M. Harper, Esq.; and that the Committee consist of Mr. Beaver, Mr. Burnley, Mr. Cole, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Hervey, Mr. Horne, and the Mover.
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Question—put and negatived.
5. PUBLIC HOUSES—SUNDAY CLOSING.—Mr. Greeves moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition of James Ellis, presented by him to the Council on the 25th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sale of Liquors Laws.
Question—put and passed.
6. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the affairs of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Victoria—Bill intituled "*A Bill to enable the bishops, clergy, and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Victoria, to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church,*" brought in—read a first time—ordered to be read a second time Friday, 3rd November next, and to be printed.
7. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 1st November next.
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6. **MR. ANNAND** : To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee for the purpose of framing an Address to the Queen, and another to the British Parliament, to request that these Imperial authorities do take the proper steps to erect this Colony into an independent province, or kingdom, under an Hereditary Chief Magistrate of a branch of the Royal Family of Great Britain and Ireland, and that, in connection with the New Constitution sanctioned by this House in its last Session. That such Committee consist of the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Messrs. Griffith, Miller, Nicholson, Horne, Strachan, and the mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

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2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

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MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 31st October.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 1st November.

INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 22.

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, under the Corporate Seal of the said City, praying that the Council would recommit the "*Municipalities Establishment Bill*," and so far amend its provisions as to make the breaking up of duly constituted institutions to be no otherwise attainable than by deliberate legislation, and to put it out of the power of any number of corporators to obtain separation from any existing municipality, without prepayment of any excess of expenditure over revenue, in the locality for which separation is sought.

Petition received.

The Attorney General presented a Petition from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria, members of a Conference in the Petition mentioned, praying the Council would take the statements set forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and be pleased to pass the Bill for enabling the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria, to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper:—

Additional Statement of Works carried on by the Central Road Board.

Ordered to be printed.

4. TESTIMONIAL TO MRS. CHISHOLM.—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the ensuing year the sum of £5000 as a testimonial to Mrs. Chisholm, expressive of the recognition by the Government and the People of the important services rendered by Mrs. Chisholm in the cause of colonization, conditional on the sum of £2500 being raised by private subscription.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the ensuing year, the sum of £5000 as a testimonial to Mrs. Chisholm, expressive of the recognition by the Government and the People of the important services rendered by Mrs. Chisholm in the cause of colonization, conditional on the sum of £2500 being raised by private subscription.

On the motion of Mr. Hodgson the Council adopted such report.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—

VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 21.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vict., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration, the draft of

"*A Bill to authorise the formation of a Volunteer Corps in the Colony of Victoria, and for the regulation thereof.*"

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 31st October, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PURCHASE OF LAND BY MR. E. GOODMAN OR MR. H. MATSON.**—Mr. Goodman moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council—
- (1.) Copies of all communications to the Government from either Mr. E. Goodman or Mr. H. Matson in the years 1851 and 1852, praying to be allowed to purchase certain sections of land at the Pentland Hills, in the parish of Korkuperrimul.
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- Question—put and passed.
7. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW AT THE GOLD FIELDS.**—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to nominate three officers of high standing, and of undoubted integrity and ability, as a commission to proceed to the Gold Fields of Ballarat, Bendigo, and Melvor, with powers and instructions there to hear and rigorously to enquire into any complaints that may be made against any Police Magistrate, Gold Commissioner, or Police Inspector, of misconduct in the discharge of his duty, and to report thereon to His Excellency.
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 - (4.) And that His Excellency will be pleased to direct a copy of such reports to be laid on the Table of this House.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion by leave withdrawn.
8. **BOARD OF NATIONAL EDUCATION—EXPENDITURE.**—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council, as early as possible—
- (1.) A Return showing the expenditure of the Board of National Education in this Colony from public funds, from the first formation of the Board, to 1st October, 1854, under the separate heads of maintenance of schools, erection and establishment of schools, and general management, distinguishing the expenditure of each year.
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- Question—put and passed.
9. **HORSESTEALING.**—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th October, from the inhabitants of the District of Kyneton and neighbourhood, in the Colony of Victoria, be printed.
- Question—put and passed.
10. **ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—INDEPENDENCE.**—Mr. Annand moved, pursuant to notice, That it be referred to a Select Committee for the purpose of framing an Address to the Queen, and another to the British Parliament, to request that these Imperial authorities do take the proper steps to erect this Colony into an Independent Province or Kingdom, under an Hereditary Chief Magistrate of a branch of the Royal Family of Great Britain and Ireland, and that, in connection with the New Constitution sanctioned by this House in its last Session. That such Committee consist of the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Messrs. Griffith, Miller, Nicholson, Horne, Strachan and the mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Cole moved the previous question.
- Question—That this question be now put—put and negatived.

11. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

12. PRECEDENCY OF BUSINESS.—On the motion of Mr. F. Murphy, the Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day take precedence of all other Orders of the Day for to-morrow :—

“ *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.—To be further considered in “ Committee.”* ”

Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. LODGING HOUSES BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—To be considered in Committee.
5. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—To be considered in Committee.
6. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 21.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: To move, That the Petition presented by him 31st October, from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, relating to the Bill for regulating the affairs of that Church in Victoria, be printed.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from the Corporation of the City of Melbourne, relating to the “ *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill,* ” be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the “ *Convicts Prevention Act,* ” and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 1st November.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 2nd November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 23:

WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council :—
Geological Surveyor's Report—Report from the Geological Surveyor, together with plans and sections.
Report ordered to be printed, and plans and sections ordered to be lithographed.
 3. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and to take precedence of the other Orders for that day :—
“ *Lodging Houses Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
“ *Compulsory Vaccination Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
“ *Foreign Seaman's Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
“ *Execution of Criminals Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
“ *Volunteer Corps Bill—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 21.*”
 5. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS.—The Attorney General moved, pursuant to *amended Notice*, That the Petition presented by him 31st October, from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, relating to the Bill for regulating the affairs of that Church in Victoria, be printed, and taken into consideration on the second reading of such Bill.
Question—put and passed.
- Council adjourned at two minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LODGING HOUSES BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—To be considered in Committee.
4. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—To be considered in Committee.
5. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 21.
6. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
8. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.
9. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from the Corporation of the City of Melbourne, relating to the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*," be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 2nd November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 1 o'clock.

Friday, 3rd November.

CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—at half-past 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 24.

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. Petition.—Mr. Fawcner presented a Petition from certain Working Men in and near Melbourne, praying the Council might be pleased to take the Petition into due consideration, and, if possible, cause such measures to be adopted as would meet the evil complained of in the Petition.
Petition received.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“*Compulsory Vaccination Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
5. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 9th November inst.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
6. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Passengers Act—Copy Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
Ordered to be printed.
7. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 9th November instant.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
8. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 21, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Colonial Secretary then moved, That the Bill accompanying this Message be now read a first time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time—ordered to be read a second time Thursday, 9th November instant, and to be printed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“*Management of Towns Bill—Second reading*”—until Thursday, 9th November instant.
“*Public Health Promotion Bill—To be considered in Committee;*” and
“*Passengers Bill—To be further reconsidered in Committee*”—until Friday, 3rd November instant.
10. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further reconsideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 3rd November inst.
Council adjourned at four minutes past eight o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary—
 - (1.) Whether any steps have been taken to render effective the Sanatory Station near the Heads, known as the Quarantine Station.
 - (2.) If any measures have been taken, to what extent.
 - (3.) The nature of the provisions made to receive persons laboring under infection or supposed contagious disorders.
2. MR. STRACHAN : To ask the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to appoint a Sub-Commissioner of Insolvents' Court to Geelong, and extend the Court to that district.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st October, from the Corporation of the City of Melbourne, relating to the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*," be printed.
2. MR. NICHOLSON : To move for leave to bring in "*A Bill to prevent the Influx of Criminals into Victoria.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
2. LODGING HOUSES BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
5. PASSENGERS BILL—To be further reconsidered in Committee.
6. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
4. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 3rd November.

CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—at half-past 11 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 7th November.

INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 8th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 10 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 25.

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of this Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—

Purchase by Government of the Mount Alexander Railway.—Adopted on the 20th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state he would cause the correspondence to be furnished for the information of the Legislative Council.

Testimonial to Mrs. Chisholm.—Adopted on Resolution of a Committee of the whole, 31st October, 1854, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he acceded to the wish of the Legislative Council in this matter, and would cause the sum of Five thousand pounds to be placed on the Estimates for the purpose.

Correspondence relating to purchase of land by Mr. E. Goodman or Mr. H. Matson.—Adopted on 31st October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Goodman, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the correspondence upon this subject should be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.

Board of National Education Expenditure—Adopted on 31st October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Smith, and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Returns should be furnished in compliance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council,

Purchase by Government of the Mount Alexander Railway—Return to Address—Mr. Cole—29th October, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.
4. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Surveyor General, on behalf of Mr. Hodgson, moved pursuant to amended notice, that the Petition presented by Mr. Hodgson on the 31st October last, from the Corporation of the City of Melbourne, relating to the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*" be printed and referred to the Committee now sitting upon such Bill.

Question—put and passed.
5. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2°)—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Influx of Criminals into Victoria.

Question—put and passed.—Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Nicholson then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to prevent the influx of Criminals into Victoria*," and moved that it be now read a first time, printed, "and" read a second Wednesday 8th November instant.

Mr. Myles moved as an amendment that all the words after the word "and" be omitted, with a view to insert the words "referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill*, (1)."

Question—that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—that this Bill be now read a first time, printed, and read a second time Wednesday, 8th November instant—put and passed.

Bill read a first time, and ordered to take precedence of all other Orders upon that day.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 10th November instant :—

"*Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill*.—Second reading."

7. **LODGING HOUSES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 10th November instant.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
8. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council, having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 14th November instant—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 8th November instant :—
“ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
10. **PASSENGERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Wednesday, 8th November instant—Bill as amended to be printed.
11. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Surveyor General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 7th November instant.
- Council adjourned at seven minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY : To move—**
 (1.) That as in the course of the evidence taken before the Committee appointed to enquire into the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, statements have been made reflecting upon the character of a gentleman in his magisterial capacity, a copy of the evidence be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will take such steps as may seem to him best.
 (2.) That the evidence on this subject be expunged from the minutes of the Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.**—To be considered in Committee.
 2. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2°)**—Second reading.
 2. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.**—To be considered in Committee.
 3. **PASSENGERS BILL.**—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.**—Adoption of Report.
 2. **EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.**—Adoption of Report.
 3. **VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.**—Second reading.
 4. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 7th November.

CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN—at a quarter before 12 o'clock.
INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 8th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 10 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 26.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—The Speaker announced that he had received a return to a Writ he had issued for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of the Town of Geelong, in the place of Alexander Thomson, Esq., resigned, by which return it appeared that James Harrison, Esq., had been duly elected Member, in the place of the said Alexander Thomson.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves the United Delegates of the Local Committees representing the Communities of East Collingwood, Richmond, Prahran, Emerald Hill, and Sandridge, appointed for the purpose of watching the progress of "*The Municipal Authorities Bill*," praying this Council would take the Petition into serious consideration, and that no impediment might be thrown in the way of the Bill being passed into immediate law, as the present circumstances of the several localities represented by the Petitioners imperatively demand an immediate and energetic enforcement of such a measure.
Petition received.
Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain Shareholders of the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, praying that the Standing Orders of this Council, so far as the same relate to the bringing in of Private Bills, and also to the giving notice by public advertisement of an intention to apply for leave to bring in any Bill, might be suspended, and that the Petitioners might be at liberty, without giving such public notice, to present a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill for the purpose of enabling them to increase the Capital of the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company by the sum of £40,000, to be raised by the issue of four thousand new shares of £10 each, the value of such shares to be called up in payments of £1 each.
Petition received.
4. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary brought up the Report from the Select Committee of this Council upon the "*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill*," and moved that it be received and printed.
On the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, the Report was read by the Clerk.
Question—that the Report be received and printed—put and passed.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain Solicitors, Attorneys, and Proctors of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria, praying the Council to allow the Bill to alter and simplify the form and mode of procedure in an action at law, and to make other provisions in relation thereto, to pass.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council—
Crown Lands' Sale and Leases—Return to Address on this subject, adopted on the 10th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Campbell.
Ordered to be printed.
7. THE SURVEYOR GENERAL, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the following plan, in further part return to Address of the Council in a previous Session, viz. :—
Chart of the County of Mornington.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves the Provisional Committee appointed at a public meeting held at Prahran, on the 5th day of September, 1854, to take the necessary steps with a view to the creation of that district into a Municipal Burgh, praying the Council to hasten as much as possible the passing of the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*."

Petition received.

9. SALE OF LIQUORS' LAWS.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice—
 (1.) That as in the course of the evidence taken before the Committee appointed to enquire into the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, statements have been made reflecting upon the character of a gentleman in his magisterial capacity, a copy of the evidence be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will take such steps as may seem to him "*best*."
 (2.) That the evidence on this subject be expunged from the minutes of the Committee.
 Mr. O'Brien moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "*best*" be struck out from the above motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—(1.) That as in the course of the evidence taken before the Committee appointed to enquire into the Laws relating to the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, statements have been made reflecting upon the character of a gentleman in his magisterial capacity, a copy of the evidence be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will take such steps as may seem to him best. (2.) That the evidence on this subject be expunged from the minutes of the Committee—put and passed.

10. COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—Mr. Fellows moved, "*That*" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Attorney General moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "*that*" be omitted, with the view to insert "*this Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this Council, to consist of Mr. A'Beckett, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Horne, the Acting Solicitor General, and the Mover, for consideration and report, with power to take evidence.*"

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

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

Question—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this Council, to consist of Mr. A'Beckett, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Horne, the Acting Solicitor General, and the Mover, for consideration and report, with power to take evidence.—put and passed.

11. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 10th November instant.

Council adjourned at thirteen minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2°)—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER: To move, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, presented by him on the 7th November, be taken into consideration, with a view to the suspension of the Standing Orders Nos. 58 and 59, to enable the said Company at once to bring in a Bill to increase the capital of the Company by the sum of £40,000.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
4. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—
 - (1.) For leave to bring in "*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, 'The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company,'*"
Contingent—On leave being given to bring in the Bill—
 - (2.) That when the Bill shall have been read a first time it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 8th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 10 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 27.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW CONSTITUTION ACT.—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.—Mr. Mollison, Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council appointed to prepare the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, on the New Constitution Bill, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received and printed.
Question—put and passed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from certain Licensed Wine and Spirit Merchants of Geelong, respecting the rates payable for licenses for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors
Petition received.
4. INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2).—Mr. Nicholson moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
Council divided—

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Horne,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Myles,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer (*Teller.*)

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—consideration of this Bill to take precedence of other Orders for to-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
“*Public Health Promotion Bill—To be considered in Committee,*”—until Wednesday, 15th November instant.
“*Passengers Bill—Adoption of Report,*”—until Tuesday, 14th November instant.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Miller postponed the Notice of Motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the notice paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at twenty-two minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2)—To be further considered in Committee.

Government Business :—

2. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
5. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That the Petition from the Licensed Wine and Spirit Merchants of Geelong, presented by him on the 8th November, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors' Sale Laws.
2. MR. MILLER : To move, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, presented by him on the 7th November, be taken into consideration, with a view to the suspension of the Standing Orders necessary to enable the said Company at once to bring in a Bill to increase the capital of the Company by the sum of £40,000.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That the Address to the Queen on the "*New Constitution Bill*" be considered and adopted.
2. MR. STRACHAN : To move for leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled 'An Act 'to incorporate the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.'*"
Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—
To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Haines, Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover, for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts 'Prevention Act,'*" and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That every Bill (except specially exempted) shall, after the second reading, be postponed for not less than fourteen clear days, and shall be published once or more, in one or more of the Colonial Journals of Melbourne, at a cost not to exceed two thousand pounds per annum ; also at Geelong, Portland Bay, Port Fairy, or Warrnambool, and in one or more of the Journals published at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mount Alexander, at a cost not exceeding three thousand pounds yearly, in order that the Colonists at large may be enabled to examine the laws of this Colony, and if necessary, cause them to be corrected before they are finally passed ; and thus every one may be made fully aware of the laws under which he is governed. And this Council pledges itself to vote these several sums if the Lieutenant Governor will place them upon the Estimates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Adoption of Report
2. PASSENGERS BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

- 1 PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—

(1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘ The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.’* ”
Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—

(2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 9th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 10th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 28.

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2).—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—consideration of this Bill to take precedence of all other business for to-morrow.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th November instant :—
 - “ Foreign Seaman’s Bill—Adoption of Report.”
 - “ Execution of Criminals Bill—Adoption of Report.”
 - “ Volunteer Corps Bill—Second reading.”
 - “ Management of Towns Bill—Second reading.”
4. LIQUORS’ SALE LAWS.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Licensed Wine and Spirit Merchants of Geelong, presented by him on the 8th November, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors’ Sale Laws.
Question—put and passed.
5. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY’S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, presented by him on the 7th November, be taken into consideration, with a view to the suspension of the Standing Orders necessary to enable the said Company at once to bring in a Bill to increase the capital of the Company by the sum of £40,000.
Question put—Standing Orders ordered to be suspended.
Council adjourned at nine minutes past six o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2)—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That the Address to the Queen on the “ *New Constitution Bill* ” be considered and adopted.
2. MR. STRACHAN : To move for leave to bring in “ *A Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled ‘ An Act ‘ to incorporate the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.’* ”
Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—
To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Haines, Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover, for consideration and report.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the “ *Convicts Prevention Act*,” and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen’s Prerogative.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL.—Adoption of Report.
4. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That every Bill (except specially exempted) shall, after the second reading, be postponed for not less than fourteen clear days, and shall be published once or more, in one or more of the Colonial Journals of Melbourne, at a cost not to exceed two thousand pounds per annum ; also at Geelong, Portland Bay, Port Fairy, or Warrnambool, and in one or more of the Journals published at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mount Alexander, at a cost not exceeding three thousand pounds yearly, in order that the Colonists at large may be enabled to examine the laws of this Colony, and if necessary, cause them to be corrected before they are finally passed ; and thus every one may be made fully aware of the laws under which he is governed. And this Council pledges itself to vote these several sums if the Lieutenant Governor will place them upon the Estimates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PASSENGERS BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
6. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.

 TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—
 - (1.) For leave to bring in " *A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ' The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.'* "
 - Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—*
 - (2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

 MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 10th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.

LIBRARY—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 29.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2).—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of Mr. Nicholson, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration on Tuesday, 14th November instant, and that it take precedence of all other business on that day.—Bill as amended to be printed.

3. NEW MEMBER.—Mr. Harrison having been introduced and having taken the Oath, and having handed to the Clerk at the Table the following Declaration, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of the town of Geelong.

“ I, JAMES HARRISON, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in Kardinia Ward, in the town of Geelong, abutting on Austin, Pakington, Clerke, and Montpellier streets, in my own occupation, of which I am possessed in fee simple: And I further declare, that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“ JAMES HARRISON.”

4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper:—
Central Road Board.—Return of Works on Roads and Bridges, from the 1st January to 30th June, 1854, and of the expenditure on the same from 1st January to 30th September, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Mollison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday, 14th November instant.
6. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in “ *A Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate ‘ the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.’*”

Question—put and passed.

Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Strachan having produced a certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, presented the Bill, intituled, “ *A Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of ‘ Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate the Geelong and ‘ Melbourne Railway Company,’*” and moved that the Bill be read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Strachan then moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Haines, Mr. Fyfe, Mr. Nicholson, and the Mover, for consideration and report.

Question—put and passed.

7. ORDER OF THE DAY DISCHARGED.—On the motion of Mr. Fawcner, the Council ordered that the following Order be discharged from the paper :—

THAT THE HOUSE be called over for the purpose of considering in Committee of the whole, and advising and ordering upon the Despatch from Sir George Grey, anent the "*Convicts Prevention Act*," and the claim set up of overthrowing the most deliberate voice of the people of this Colony, expressed unequivocally in two successive Sessions of this Council, on the plea of the Queen's Prerogative.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered, that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

"*Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill—Second Reading*,"—and

"*Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report*,"—until Wednesday, 15th November instant.

"*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*,"—until Thursday, 16th November instant.

Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

1. MR. FYFE: To ask the Government what measures they have taken relative to the continuation of the present Postage Act, and if it is the intention of the Government to alter the present Act this Session.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That every Bill (except specially exempted) shall, after the second reading, be postponed for not less than fourteen clear days, and shall be published once or more, in one or more of the Colonial Journals of Melbourne, at a cost not to exceed two thousand pounds per annum; also at Geelong, Portland Bay, Port Fairy, or Warrnambool, and in one or more of the Journals published at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mount Alexander, at a cost not exceeding three thousand pounds yearly, in order that the Colonists at large may be enabled to examine the laws of this Colony, and if necessary, cause them to be corrected before they are finally passed; and thus every one may be made fully aware of the laws under which he is governed. And this Council pledges itself to vote these several sums if the Lieutenant Governor will place them upon the Estimates.
2. MR. MOLLISON: To move, That the Address to the Queen on the "*New Constitution Bill*" be considered and adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2)—Adoption of Report.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
7. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

I. MR. MILLER: To move—

(1.) For leave to bring in “*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.’*”

Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—

(2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 14th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

LIBRARY—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 15th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 30.

TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz :—
 - (1.) Correspondence relating to purchase of land by Mr. E. Goodman or Mr. H. Matson.
Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Goodman, 31st October last.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Geelong and County of Grant—Revenue and Expenditure.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Strachan, 9th March, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Bank Returns—General Abstracts of the Liabilities and Assets of the Capital and Profits of the undermentioned Banks, during the quarter from 1st July to 30th September, 1854 :—
 - Australasia.
 - Union Bank of Australia.
 - New South Wales.
 - London Chartered Bank of Australia.
 - Victoria.
 - English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank.
 Ordered to be printed.
 - (4.) Warrnambool Land Sales, &c.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Horne, 4th October last.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Fawkner presented a petition from inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo, praying the Council would adopt such measures as may be within the power of the Council to obtain the immediate repeal of the present land system of the Colony.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 - Trade and Customs—Accounts relating to Trade and Customs for the 1st Quarter of the year 1854.
 - Similar Accounts for the 2nd Quarter of the year 1854.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
5. PUBLICATION OF BILLS.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That every Bill (except specially exempted) shall, after the second reading, be postponed for not less than fourteen clear days, and shall be published, once or more, in one or more of the Colonial Journals of Melbourne, at a cost not to exceed two thousand pounds per annum; also at Geelong, Portland Bay, Port Fairy, or Warrnambool, and in one or more of the Journals published at Ballarat, Bendigo, and Mount Alexander, at a cost not exceeding three thousand pounds yearly, in order that the Colonists at large may be enabled to examine the laws of this Colony, and, if necessary, cause them to be corrected before they are finally passed; and thus every one may be made fully aware of the laws under which he is governed. And this Council pledges itself to vote these several sums if the Lieutenant Governor will place them upon the Estimates.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.

6. **NEW CONSTITUTION BILL.**—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Draft Address to the Queen on the New Constitution Bill.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Address :—

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN—

WE, the Legislative Council of Victoria, approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our attachment to your Royal Person and loyalty to the Throne.

We learn with profound regret, participated in by all our fellow Colonists, that it has been deemed advisable to postpone the consideration of the proposed New Constitution of this Colony for another year.

We would humbly represent to your Majesty that the provisions of the Bill for conferring upon us this wished-for boon, are so entirely in unison with the views of the most eminent statesmen in England, were passed in this House by such decisive majorities, and gave such general satisfaction to the Colonists at large, that in our opinion no valid reason can exist for any further delay in the consideration of its details, nor are there any grounds for supposing that, on a review, any alteration would be asked for by the Colonists.

With reference to that portion of the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which states the intention of your Majesty's advisers to consider all the Bills for establishing New Constitutions in the several Australian Colonies together, we humbly represent that we cannot see any necessity for uniformity in the Constitutions of these Colonies, the capitals of which are more distant from each other than those of many European nations; but, on the contrary, we are led to believe that it may prove ultimately advantageous to test by trial the relative merits of each plan.

We would respectfully urge that this Colony is not in a position to recede from the policy it has adopted. It does not insist that other Colonies should be guided by its political views, and we submit to your Majesty that it is unreasonable to delay our enfranchisement until other Colonies have had afforded to them by the Imperial Government an opportunity of changing Constitutions based on more narrow principles—if they have chosen such for themselves.

In the rapid, unprecedented, and continuous growth of Victoria, nothing is more required than a vigorous Government. Such a Government can only be permanently secured by a full and free representation of all classes, and we would earnestly urge on your Majesty's consideration, that it is at once impolitic and unfair to the Government and to the existing Legislature of this Colony, to leave us longer in the state of abeyance in which we are now placed,—inasmuch as, by the Bill alluded to, we have, in fact, declared to the people of this Colony that the present system of representation is imperfect, and it may naturally be urged against us, that we are thus without that full measure of confidence which it is most essential to the advancement and tranquillity of any country should be felt by all classes of the people in the Legislature and Executive Government.

If, therefore, it should seem good to your Majesty to remit, for further consideration, any of the proposed Australian Constitutions, we humbly but most earnestly entreat that the Bill for establishing a New Constitution in the Colony of Victoria may, without delay, be passed into law.

Mr. Mollison moved that the Address be adopted by the Council.

Question—put and passed.—The Council ordered that the Address be signed by the Speaker, and by him presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a request that His Excellency will procure the same to be laid before Her Most Gracious Majesty.

7. **INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2).**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Nicholson the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

8. **COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney-General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Thursday, 16th November instant.

9. **PASSENGERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Thursday, 16th November instant.

10. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.—The Council adopted the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill—amendments agreed to.
Bill to be read a third time Thursday, 16th November instant.
11. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Wednesday, 22nd November instant.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Volunteer Corps Bill—Second reading,* ”—until Tuesday, 21st November instant.
“ *Management of Towns Bill—Second reading,* ”—until Friday, 17th November instant.
13. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves the City of Melbourne Gas Light and Coke Company, praying that leave might be given to bring in a Bill for the purpose of enabling the City of Melbourne Gas Light and Coke Company to increase their capital to a sum not exceeding the sum of eighty thousand pounds, to be raised by the creating of an additional number of shares of the value of ten pounds each.
Petition received.
Council adjourned at eighteen minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INFUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL, (2)—Third reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

MR. MILLER : To move—

- (1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to increase the Capital of the said Company to the sum of eighty thousand pounds, to be raised by the issue of four thousand shares of ten pounds each.* ”

Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—

- (2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Cole, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. Greeves, and the Mover.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Third reading.
3. PASSENGERS BILL—Third reading.
4. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Third reading.

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—

(1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘ The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.’* ”*Contingent*—On the Bill being read a first time—

(2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.
Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Third reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 15th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 16th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 31.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fawkner presented a Petition from the Colonists of Victoria urging upon the Council the recommendation embodied in the Report from the Select Committee to the Council on Intemperance presented during the last Session, that the prohibition of ardent spirits, except for medicinal and manufacturing purposes, if public opinion should be found to sanction such a measure, would be fraught with beneficial results to the community, and would unquestionably lessen many of the most destructive effects of intemperance, and that no time should be lost in enacting such prohibitory law.
Petition received.
Mr. Fawkner presented a Petition from the Women of Victoria praying the Council to give the subject referred to in the Petition (intemperance) early and special attention, and to enact such a measure as indicated in the Petition.
Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the fourth Order for to-day :—
“ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
“ *Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill—Second Reading.*”
“ *Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
4. INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Nicholson then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act to prevent the influx of Criminals into Victoria.*”
Question—put and passed.
5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 17th November instant.
6. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Miller,
The Collector of Customs (*Teller.*)

Noes, 5.

Mr. Haines,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Snodgrass, (*Teller.*)

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 21st November instant.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 17th November instant :—

“ *Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report.* ”

8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Miller postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at twelve minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL—Third reading.
2. PASSENGERS BILL—Third reading.
3. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th November instant, from the Colonists of Victoria, be printed and referred to the Liquors' Sale Laws Committee.
2. MR. HAINES : To move,
 - (1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called ‘ The Geelong, Ballaarat, and North Western Railway Company.’* ”
 - Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—*
 - (2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Messrs. Strachan, Harrison, Nicholson, McCulloch, and the Mover.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th November instant, from the Women of Victoria, be printed and referred to the Liquors' Sale Laws Committee.
4. MR. HAINES : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the issue of Pastoral Leases.
 - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the localities in which the Land should be put up to public sale.
 - (3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the selection of Lands for reserves from Leases.
5. MR. MILLER : To move—
 - (1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to increase the Capital of the said Company to the sum of eighty thousand pounds, to be raised by the issue of four thousand shares of ten pounds each.* ”
 - Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—*
 - (2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Cole, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—

(1.) For leave to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘ The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.’* ”

Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—

(2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

2. MR. ANNAND : To move, That the Council resolve, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, intimating that it is the opinion of this Council that when charges are made against any public officer, the Government should cause legal proceedings to be instituted against such officer in some competent Court, that it may be ascertained if such charges are well founded or otherwise.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.

2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Third reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 16th November.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 21st November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 32.

THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill:—
“*The Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill, (2).*”
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the fifth Notice of Motion on the paper for to-day:—
“*Compulsory Vaccination Bill—Third reading.*”
“*Passengers Bill—Third reading.*”
“*Foreign Seaman’s Bill—Third reading.*”
4. INTemperance.—Mr. Fawknor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th November instant, from the Colonists of Victoria, be printed and referred to the Liquors’ Sale Laws Committee.
Question—put and passed.
5. GEELONG, BALLAARAT AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to be called “*The Geelong, Ballaarat and North-Western Railway Company.*”
Question—put and passed.—Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Haines having produced a certificate that the sum of £25 had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, presented the Bill, intituled “*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called ‘The Geelong, Ballaarat and North-Western Railway Company,’*” and moved that the Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Haines then moved pursuant to *amended contingent* notice—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Messrs. Strachan, Harrison, Nicholson, McCulloch, and the Mover.
Question—put and passed.
6. INTemperance.—Mr. Fawknor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th November instant, from the Women of Victoria, be printed and referred to the Liquors’ Sale Laws Committee.
Question—put and passed.
7. CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—
(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the “*Government*” and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the issue of Pastoral Leases.
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between Government and the Commissioners of Crown “*Lands*” relative to the localities in which the Land should be put up to public sale.
(3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the selection of Lands for reserves from Leases.
Mr. Snodgrass moved, as amendments, That after the word “*Government*” in the first paragraph the words “*Applicants for Leases*” be inserted, that after the word “*Lands*” in the second paragraph the words “*or other individuals*” be inserted, and that after the third paragraph the words “*(4.) Copies of any opinions that may have been at any time given by the Law Officers of the Crown upon matters connected with Crown Lands, having reference to the Orders in Council for the guidance of the Government*”—be added.

Debate ensued

Question—That the words, “Applicants for Leases,” be inserted after the word “Government,” in the first paragraph—put and negatived.

Question—That the words, “or other individuals,” be inserted after the word “lands,” in the second paragraph—put and negatived.

Question—That the words, “(4) Copies of any opinions that may have been at any time given by the Law Officers of the Crown, upon matters connected with Crown Lands, having reference to the Orders in Council for the guidance of the Government,” be added after the end of the third paragraph—put

Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Snodgrass, (*Teller.*)

Noes. 11.

Mr. Henty,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller*)

Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—

(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the issue of Pastoral Leases.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence between Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the localities in which the Land should be put up to public sale.

(3.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the selection of Lands for reserves from Leases.

(4.) Copies of any opinions that may have been at any time given by the Law Officers of the Crown upon matters connected with Crown Lands, having reference to the Orders in Council for the guidance of the Government—put and passed.

8. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—Mr. Miller moved pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for increasing the Capital of the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company.

Question—put and passed—Ordered the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Miller having produced the certificate that the sum of £25 had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, presented the Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to increase the Capital of the said Company to the sum of eighty thousand pounds to be raised by the issue of four thousand shares of ten pounds each,*” and moved that the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and passed—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Miller then moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee to consist of Mr. Cole, Mr. James Murphy, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

9. COMPULSORY VACCINATION BILL.—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“*An Act to make compulsory the practice of Vaccination.*”

Question—put and passed.

10. PASSENGERS BILL.—The order of the day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported.—Bill, on the motion of the Collector of Customs read a third time and *passed*.

The Collector of Customs moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“*An Act to regulate the Conveyance of Passengers to Victoria.*”

Question—put and passed.

11. FOREIGN SEAMAN'S BILL.—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act for the better controul of Seamen belonging to Foreign Vessels.”

Question—put and passed.

12. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of the Surveyor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 30th November instant.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

Council adjourned at eight minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move—

(1.) For leave to bring in *“ A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘ The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.’ ”*

Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—

(2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.

2. MR. ANNAND : To move, That the Council resolve, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, intimating that it is the opinion of this Council that when charges are made against any public officer, the Government should cause legal proceedings to be instituted against such officer in some competent Court, that it may be ascertained if such charges are well founded or otherwise.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 17th November.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 21st November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 33.

FRIDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—The Attorney General moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 21st November instant.
 3. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 21st November instant.
 4. **LODGING HOUSES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 21st November instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
- Council adjourned at six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

1. **MR. O'BRIEN:** To ask the Colonial Secretary, if the land in connection with the Church of England, at Pentridge, is being enclosed, (or has been enclosed), by convict labor; if so, will the Government give its sanction to have similar work for other denominations, should they require it.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MILLER:** To move—
 - (1.) For leave to bring in "*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, 'The Melbourne, Brighton, and South Eastern Railway Company.'*"
Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time—
 - (2.) To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, and the Mover.
2. **MR. ANNAND:** To move, That the Council resolve, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, intimating that it is the opinion of this Council that when charges are made against any public officer, the Government should cause legal proceedings to be instituted against such officer in some competent Court, that it may be ascertained if such charges are well founded or otherwise.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Second reading.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move, For leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Public Education in Victoria.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 21st November.

STANDING ORDERS—at 11 o'clock.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 34.

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. **ASSENT TO BILLS.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
 - “ *Compulsory Vaccination Bill.*”
 - “ *Passengers Bill.*”
 - “ *Foreign Seaman’s Bill.*”
3. **ADDRESSES.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of this Council, presented the following Addresses to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, viz. :—
 - Liquors’ Sale Laws.—Adopted on the 7th November, 1854, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he had appointed a Board of Gentlemen to investigate the charge.
 - Crown Lands.—Adopted on the 16th November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Haines ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state he would comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council, and cause the Correspondence to be furnished.
4. **PETITIONS.**—Mr. Fawcner presented a Petition from certain Juvenile Residents in Victoria, praying the Council for the enactment of the Maine Liquor Law for this Liquor Law.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from Richard Eades, M.B., F.R.C.S, on behalf of certain duly qualified Medical Practitioners of the Colony, praying the Council would take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and would adopt such means as to the Council might seem proper to protect the Medical Profession and the public against the evils arising from unqualified practitioners holding themselves out as persons duly qualified to practise and actually practising within the Colony of Victoria.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from the Medical Practitioners within the District of Ballaarat, praying the Council to enact a measure which should effectually prevent unqualified individuals from engaging in medical practice throughout the Colony.
Petition received.
Mr. Horne presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the County of Villiers, and Members of the said Church, praying that Standing Order No. 58 might be suspended, and that leave might be given to present the Petition with the Bill annexed according to the Standing Order No. 58 of this Council.
Petition received.
5. **PAPERS.**—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz :—
 - Report of the Board appointed to enquire into circumstances connected with the late disturbance at Ballaarat, together with the evidence taken by the Board.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Penal Establishments.—Return from the Superintendent of Penal Establishments, upon the Penal Department of the Colony, for the half year ending 30th June, 1853.
 Ordered to be printed.

6. MELBOURNE, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That leave be given him to bring in “*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called, ‘The Melbourne, Brighton, and South-Eastern Railway Company.’*”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Miller having produced a certificate that the sum of £25 had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, presented the Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called ‘The Melbourne, Brighton and South-Eastern Railway Company,’*” and moved that the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Miller then moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Bradshaw, Mr. Goodman, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

7. ENQUIRY INTO CHARGES AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS.—Mr. Annand moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, intimating that it is the opinion of this Council that when charges are made against any public officer the Government should cause legal proceedings to be instituted against such officer in some competent Court, that it may be ascertained if such charges are well founded or otherwise.

Debate ensued.

The Attorney General moved the previous question.

Question—That this question be now put—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Fellows,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

8. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

9. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

“*Management of Towns Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

“*Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

“*Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report.*”

Council adjourned at thirteen minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL—Third reading.
2. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. ANNAND : To ask the Honorable the Collector of Customs if he has given orders to levy pilotage dues on lighters carrying goods from Melbourne and Hobson's Bay to Geelong—and if so when he began to do so, and under what authority.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MILLER : To move, For leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Public Education in Victoria.
2. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return, shewing—
 - (1.) The number of Public Pounds established in the Colony.
 - (2.) The Fees received at each Pound for the last twelve months.
 - (3.) The amount retained by each Poundkeeper for his own use for the same period of time.
 - (4.) The total amount paid into the Treasury by Poundkeepers for the above period.
 - (5.) The total amount recovered by claimants under authority of Impounding Act.
 - (6.) The different Charitable Institutions that have received the balance.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That the Petition presented by him to the Council on the 21st instant, from the Juvenile Residents in Victoria, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors' Sale Laws.
4. MR. HORNE : To move, That the Petition of the Trustees of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the County of Villiers, and Members of that Church, presented by him on 21st November instant, be taken into consideration, with a view to the suspension of the Standing Orders necessary to enable the Trustees to bring in a Bill enabling them to sell certain lands in the Bill described, for the purpose of raising money to build a Church and Schools on other land in that township.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

*Wednesday, 22nd November.*MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY CAPITAL INCREASE BILL—at 11 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.*Friday, 24th November.*

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 35.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Fawcner presented a Petition from certain Total Abstainers from intoxicating drinks, and other Colonists of Victoria, praying that certain alterations set forth in the Petition might be made in the land and licensing regulations.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Streatham (Fiery Creek) and neighbourhood, praying the Council to take into serious consideration the case of the Petitioners as set forth in the Petition, and the disadvantages under which they labor respecting police protection, and to grant such relief as to the Council might seem expedient.
Petition received.
Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from the Rev. — MacKay, as Moderator of the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church, Victoria, praying the Council to take the statements set forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and to establish by law a system of Education which would secure the religious as well as the intellectual instruction of Youth of this Colony.
Petition received.
3. EXECUTION OF CRIMINALS BILL.—The Speaker having reported to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act to regulate the Execution of Criminals.* ”
Question—put and passed.
4. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment—the Council ordered the Bill as reported to be taken into consideration Thursday, 23RD November inst.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
5. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further considered in Committee.* ”
“ *Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report.* ”
7. EDUCATION BILL.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to amended notice, for leave to bring in “ *A Bill for the Promotion of Public Education in Victoria.* ”
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed —Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Miller brought up the Bill, intituled, “ *A Bill for the promotion of Public Education in Victoria,* ” and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Wednesday, 13TH December next, and to be printed.

8. PUBLIC POUNDS.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return, shewing—
- (1.) The number of Public Pounds established in the Colony.
 - (2.) The Fees received at each Pound since the 1st July, 1851.
 - (3.) The amount retained by each Poundkeeper for his own use for the same period of time.
 - (4.) The total amount paid into the Treasury by Poundkeepers for the above period.
 - (5.) The total amount recovered by claimants under authority of Impounding Act.
 - (6.) The different Charitable Institutions that have received the balance.
- Question—put and passed.
9. INTEMPERANCE.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him to the Council on the 21st instant, from the Juvenile Residents in Victoria, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors' Sale Laws.
Question—put and passed.
10. BELFAST CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS BILL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders necessary to enable the Trustees of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the county of Villiers, to bring in a Bill enabling them to sell certain lands in the Bill described, for the purpose of raising money to build a Church and Schools on other land in that township be suspended.
Question—put and passed.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 24th November instant :—
" Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill—To be further considered in
" Committee."
- Council adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Colonial Secretary, if His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has received from the Secretary of State the powers promised to be conferred upon him in the 18th and 28th paragraphs of the Duke of Newcastle's Despatch of date 29th November, 1853.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of the several Tenders sent in for the extension and improvement of the Wharf at Melbourne; specifying the names of the tenderers; the amount of each tender, according to each specification of the work; the names of the sureties, if any, severally proposed; the reasons for accepting the tender approved, together with the terms thereof; and a copy of so much of the specification as relates to the mode of working the stone for paving the roadway of the Wharf and approaches.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move that the Petition presented by him on the 22nd instant from certain Total Abstiners from intoxicating drinks and other Colonists in Victoria, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors Sale Laws.
3. MR. HORNE : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees, for the time being, of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the county of Villiers, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Bill described for the purposes therein mentioned.
Contingent—on the Bill being read a first time—
To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Farie, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.
4. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the number of Stock depastured in the Settled, Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, respectively, in the Colony, on the 30th June, 1854.
 - (2.) The estimated capability in agistment in these districts respectively.
 - (3.) The estimated number of acres of grazing land in each district.
 - (4.) The number of acres held under pre-emption within the settled districts.

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FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ANNAND: To ask the Honorable the Collector of Customs if he has given orders to levy pilotage dues on lighters carrying goods from Melbourne and Hobson's Bay to Geelong—and if so, when he began to do so, and under what authority.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract advertised as No. 111, Public Works, New Wharf, Melbourne—constructing a wharf and approaches thereto—together with copies of all the fifteen tenders that were received in answer thereto. Together with a Copy of the so-called professional opinion of the officers of the Royal Engineers that the contract should be thus awarded.
2. MR. FAWKNER: To move—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the charge or charges made against William Wood Leslie, lately in the Customs' Department, first at Williamstown, and secondly at Geelong.
 - (2.) That a Special Committee, to consist of Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Myles, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover, be appointed to examine into the complaints of William Wood Leslie, into the charges he proposes to make of the insufficiency of the present Customs' Establishment, both at Geelong and Hobson's Bay.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 24th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 29th November.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 36.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill—Amendments agreed to.—Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 28th November instant.
3. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
4. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

ESTIMATES, 1855 ; AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1854.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 22.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1855, and the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, accompanied by a Financial Minute.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.*

On the motion of the Auditor General, the Financial Minute was read by the Clerk.

Message ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Minute, and taken into consideration Wednesday, 29th November instant.

POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 23.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act to amend the Law relating to the
“ ‘ Post Office.’ ”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 24.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill for the Prevention of Disturbances of the Public Peace in Victoria.”

*Government Offices.**Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 25.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

"A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Cattle."

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES' BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 26.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

"A Bill to alter the Law relating to the Appointment of Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates in Victoria."

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 27.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

"A Bill for the better regulation of Sales by Auction and by Auctioneers."

Government Offices,

Melbourne, 23rd November, 1854.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

5. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The above Messages having been received and read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 28th November inst.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

"Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further considered in Committee."

"Lodging Houses Bill—Adoption of Report."

7. EXTENSION OF WHARF, MELBOURNE.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of the several Tenders sent in for the extension and improvement of the Wharf at Melbourne; specifying the names of the tenderers; the amount of each tender, according to each specification of the work; the names of the sureties, if any, severally proposed; the reasons for accepting the tender approved, together with the terms thereof; together with a copy of the professional opinion of the Officers of the Royal Engineers that the Contract should thus be awarded; and a copy of so much of the specification as relates to the mode of working the stone for paving the roadway of the Wharf and approaches.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. INTemperance.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd instant from certain Total Abstainers from intoxicating drinks and other Colonists in Victoria, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Liquors' Sale Laws.

Question—put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Horne postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 3 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 28th November instant.

10. **GRAZING STATISTICS.**—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House—
- (1.) A Return shewing the number of Stock depastured in the Settled, Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, respectively, in the Colony, on the 1st June, 1854.
 - (2.) The estimated capability in agistment in these districts respectively.
 - (3.) The estimated number of acres of grazing land in each district.
 - (4.) The number of acres held under pre-emption within the settled districts.
- Question—put and passed.
11. **PAPERS.**—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
- Screw Steamer.—Letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to Captain Lockyer, R.N., respecting the construction of a Screw Steamer for the public service.
- Ordered to be printed.
- National Education.—Second report from the Commissioners of National Education.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Council adjourned at half-past six until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ANNAND :** To ask the Honorable the Collector of Customs if he has given orders to levy pilotage dues on lighters carrying goods from Melbourne and Hobson's Bay to Geelong—and if so, when he began to do so, and under what authority.
2. **MR. O'SHANASSY :** To ask the Colonial Secretary, if His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has received from the Secretary of State the powers promised to be conferred upon him in the 18th and 28th paragraphs of the Duke of Newcastle's Despatch of date 29th November, 1853.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 23.
3. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 24.
4. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 25.
5. **COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES' BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 26.
6. **AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 27.
7. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
8. **LODGING HOUSES BILL**—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER.

1. **MR. HODGSON :** To ask the Colonial Secretary if the £5000 promised by the Government last Session to provide accommodation for orphan and destitute children has been devoted to this purpose.
- (2.) Or has any provision whatever been made for their accommodation.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. FAWKNER :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract advertised as No. 111, Public Works, New Wharf, Melbourne—constructing a wharf and approaches thereto—together with copies of all the fifteen tenders that were received in answer thereto. Together with a Copy of the so-called professional opinion of the officers of the Royal Engineers that the contract should be thus awarded.
2. **MR. FAWKNER :** To move—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the charge or charges made against William Wood Leslie, lately in the Customs' Department, first at Williamstown, and secondly at Geelong.
 - (2.) That a Special Committee, to consist of Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Myles, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover, be appointed to examine into the complaints of William Wood Leslie, into the charges he proposes to make of the insufficiency of the present Customs' Establishment, both at Geelong and Hobson's Bay.

3. MR. HORNE: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees, for the time being, of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the county of Villiers, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Bill described for the purposes therein mentioned.

Contingent—on the Bill being read a first time—

To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Farie, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Third reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION BILL.—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 24th November.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 29th November.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 37.

FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ROYAL ASSENT.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had presented the following Bill to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to reserve the same for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon :—
" Execution of Criminals Regulation Bill."
3. ADDRESS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolution of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Address, viz. :—
 Public Pounds.—Adopted on the 22nd November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass ;
 and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state he would cause the Return to be laid on the Table of the Legislative Council.
4. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—Mr. Miller brought up the Report from the Select Committee upon this Bill, and moved that it be received.
 Question—put and passed—Report ordered to lie on the Table.
5. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—
 POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.
 CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 28.*
Lieutenant Governor.
 The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, the accompanying Despatches from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated respectively the 1st April (No. 2), 1854 ; 1st May (No. 19a), 1854, and 30th June (No. 7), 1854, with their enclosures, together with other correspondence on the subject of postal communication and reduction in postage on letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th November, 1854.
 Ordered to be printed, together with its enclosures, and taken into consideration Wednesday, 29th November instant.
7. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The above Message having been received and read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 28th November instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 23, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
 The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to amend the Law relating to the Post Office,'*" be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Friday, 8th December next, and to be printed.

9. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 24, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
- The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for the Prevention of Disturbances of the Public Peace in Victoria,*" be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 22nd December next, and to be printed.
10. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 25, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
- The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Impounding of Cattle,*" be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 1st December next, and to be printed.
11. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 26, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
- The Attorney General then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to alter the Law relating to the Appointment of Chief Commissioner of Insolvents' Estates in Victoria,*" be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 1st December next, and to be printed.
12. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 27, having been read—On the Motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
- The Attorney General then moved, that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for the better regulation of Sales by Auction and by Auctioneers,*" be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 1st December next, and to be printed.
13. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 30th November instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
14. LODGING HOUSES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 28th November instant.
- Council adjourned at twenty-one minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER.

1. MR. HODGSON: To ask the Colonial Secretary if the £5000 promised by the Government last Session to provide accommodation for orphan and destitute children has been devoted to this purpose.
- (2.) Or has any provision whatever been made for their accommodation.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract advertised as No. 111, Public Works, New Wharf, Melbourne—constructing a wharf and approaches thereto—together with copies of all the fifteen tenders that were received in answer thereto. Together with a Copy of the so-called professional opinion of the officers of the Royal Engineers that the contract should be thus awarded.

2. MR. FAWKNER: To move—

(1.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the charge or charges made against William Wood Leslie, lately in the Customs' Department, first at Williamstown, and secondly at Geelong.

(2.) That a Special Committee, to consist of Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Myles, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover, be appointed to examine into the complaints of William Wood Leslie, into the charges he proposes to make of the insufficiency of the present Customs' Establishment, both at Geelong and Hobson's Bay.

3. MR. HORNE: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees, for the time being, of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the county of Villiers, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Bill described for the purposes therein mentioned.

Contingent—on the Bill being read a first time—

To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Farie, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL—Third reading.
2. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—Adoption of Report.
4. LODGING HOUSES BILL—Third reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.
Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.
2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 28.

 THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.
Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

 FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move—

(1.) That in the opinion of this Council the practice pursued by the Government of throwing into the market large quantities of Crown lands during a period of financial difficulty is injurious to the present and future welfare of the Colony, inasmuch as it increases the immediate tightness of the money market and must cripple the resources of the Government in future years.

(2.) That the evil would be diminished by abandoning the present arbitrary mode of fixing the upset price of Crown lands offered at auction, and adopting instead thereof a system of valuation, which would give an upset price approximate to the actual minimum value of the respective allotments.

(3.) That it would be also advisable to insert in the Conditions of Sale a clause rendering it imperative upon each purchaser to make improvements on the land purchased by him equal in value to at least one-half of the price of the land, before he should be entitled to a conveyance from the Crown.

(4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommending these resolutions to his consideration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

 FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 28th November.

COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—at half-past 11 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 29th November.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 30th November.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 38.

TUESDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—The Surveyor General presented a Petition from the Local Committee appointed by and on behalf of the Inhabitants of Emerald Hill, praying the Council to bring the clause in the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*," imposing a rate of two shillings in the pound, under review, and so amend the Bill that there be either no limitation to the rate leviable under the Act, or, if limited, that such limitation might be increased to an amount sufficient to achieve the purposes contemplated by such Act, and to enact thereby that all lands and properties held for mere speculative purposes or purposely allowed to be unproductive, not being Crown Lands, should bear a just and equitable proportion of assessment, and to do otherwise in the premises as the Council should see meet.
Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Horne postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 3 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.
3. MR. W. W. LESLIE.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of the charge or charges made against William Wood Leslie, lately in the Customs' Department, first at Williamstown, and secondly at Geelong.
 - (2.) That a Special Committee, to consist of Mr. Burnley, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Myles, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover, be appointed to examine into the complaints of William Wood Leslie, into the charges he proposes to make of the insufficiency of the present Customs' Establishment, both at Geelong and Hobson's Bay, and to take evidence.
Question—put and negatived.
4. PAPERS.—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers:—

Port of Portland—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Cole, 9th September, 1853.

Report ordered to be printed.—Plan ordered to be engraved.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz:—

Savings Banks' Accounts to 30th June, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

Extension of Wharf, Melbourne.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Greeves, 23rd November instant.

Ordered to be printed
5. VOLUNTEER CORPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.
The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
"*An Act for Volunteer Corps in Victoria.*"
Question—put and passed.

6. **MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 12th December next—Bill as amended to be printed.

7. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

8. **LODGING HOUSES BILL.**—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

*“An Act for the well ordering of Common Lodging Houses in the Colony of
“Victoria.”*

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at sixteen minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.**—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.
2. **POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.**—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 28.

General Business:—

1. **MR. HIGGETT:** To ask the Colonial Secretary if any day has been fixed for closing the Exhibition, and to what use the building is afterwards to be applied.
2. **MR. HERVEY:** To ask the Colonial Secretary if the Government have any objections to furnish this House with a copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the financial condition of the Colony.
3. **MR. HODGSON:** To ask the Colonial Secretary if the £5000 promised by the Government last Session to provide accommodation for orphan and destitute children has been devoted to this purpose.
(2.) Or has any provision whatever been made for their accommodation.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **THE SURVEYOR GENERAL:** To move, That the Petition presented by him to the Council on the 28th instant, from the Local Committee of Emerald Hill, be referred to the Committee of the whole Council, when it shall again sit for the consideration of the "*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*"
2. **MR. HORNE:** To move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees, for the time being of the Church of England Lands at Belfast, in the county of Villiers, to sell certain lands and hereditaments in the Bill described for the purposes therein mentioned.

Contingent—on the Bill being read a first time—

To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Farie, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.**—Third reading.

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THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move—

- (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the practice pursued by the Government of throwing into the market large quantities of Crown lands during a period of financial difficulty is injurious to the present and future welfare of the Colony, inasmuch as it increases the immediate tightness of the money market and must cripple the resources of the Government in future years.
- (2.) That the evil would be diminished by abandoning the present arbitrary mode of fixing the upset price of Crown lands offered at auction, and adopting instead thereof a system of valuation, which would give an upset price approximate to the actual minimum value of the respective allotments.
- (3.) That it would be also advisable to insert in the Conditions of Sale a clause rendering it imperative upon each purchaser to make improvements on the land purchased by him equal in value to at least one-half of the price of the land, before he should be entitled to a conveyance from the Crown.
- (4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommending these resolutions to his consideration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. EDUCATION BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS
or
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 29th November.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 30th November.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 39.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Harrison presented a Petition from certain Members of the Catholic Church, and supporters of the Denominational System of Education, praying the Council to take such measures and pass such votes as might prevent so great an evil to the Colony at large, as the withdrawal from the aid granted for Educational purposes in the ensuing Session the amount now due to the respective Schools, and by contracting the outlay on other matters, enable Her Majesty's Government in Victoria to carry out the views of this Council, as expressed by its votes, and the wishes of the greater number of Her Majesty's faithful subjects.
Petition received.
3. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22, having been read—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Fawcner then moved that the debate on this subject be adjourned until this day week.—Debate ensued.
Question—That the debate on this subject be adjourned until this day week—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
“*Postal Communication with the United Kingdom—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 28.*”
5. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Surveyor General moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the Petition presented by him to the Council on the 28th instant, from the Local Committee of Emerald Hill, be printed.
Question—put and passed.
6. CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS BELFAST BILL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Church of England Lands at Belfast to sell certain portions of the said Lands.
Question—put and passed.
Ordered that the mover and seconder do prepare and bring in the Bill.
Mr. Horne having produced a certificate that the sum of £25 had been paid into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, presented the Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Belfast Church of England Lands, in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said Lands,*” and moved that the Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Horne then moved, pursuant to amended contingent notice, that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Farie, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.
Question—put and passed.
7. CHURCH OF ENGLAND AFFAIRS REGULATION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.
The Attorney General then moved, that the following be the Title of the Bill :—
“*An Act to enable the Bishops Clergy and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland in Victoria to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church.*”
Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes after five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 28.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House Returns shewing—
 - (1.) The number of gallons of brandy, rum, gin, and other spirits, and wine respectively, on which duty has been paid.
 - (2.) The number of pounds of tobacco, cigars, tea, and coffee, on which duty has been paid.
 - (3.) The number of gallons of beer in bulk and bottle imported, and the number of gallons on which duty has been paid.
 - (4.) The number of tons of sugar, raw, refined, and molasses, imported into Victoria, and that these Returns be furnished from the 1st October, 1853, to the 1st October, 1854.
2. MR. MILLER : To move, That the Bill to make provision for Public Education be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. O'Shanassy, The Collector of Customs, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Campbell, The Honorable the Attorney General, and the Mover.
3. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the petition from the members of the Catholic Church and supporters of the Denominational System of Education, presented by him to the Council on the 29th instant, be printed.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That in the opinion of this House the Commissioners of the Victorian Exhibition will perform a general and public service by keeping the Exhibition open to the public as long as they can consistently, having reduced the entrance fee so as to enable persons of humble means to enjoy the benefit of this public institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
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FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the practice pursued by the Government of throwing into the market large quantities of Crown lands during a period of financial difficulty is injurious to the present and future welfare of the Colony, inasmuch as it increases the immediate tightness of the money market and must cripple the resources of the Government in future years.
 - (2.) That the evil would be diminished by abandoning the present arbitrary mode of fixing the upset price of Crown lands offered at auction, and adopting instead thereof a system of valuation, which would give an upset price approximate to the actual minimum value of the respective allotments.
 - (3.) That it would be also advisable to insert in the Conditions of Sale a clause rendering it imperative upon each purchaser to make improvements on the land purchased by him equal in value to at least one-half of the price of the land, before he should be entitled to a conveyance from the Crown.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommending these resolutions to his consideration.
2. MR. HORNE : To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums to be expended in the improving of the town and for public works in Warrnambool :—
 - (1.) For the Erection of Immigrants' Barracks, £1000.
 - (2.) A Road, or Tramway, over the sands from the Jetty, £700.
 - (3.) The Erection of a Signal Staff, £250.
 - (4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum, £1000.
 - (5.) Mechanics' Institute, £800.
 - (6.) Botanical Gardens, £1,500.
 - (7.) A Gaol, £3,000.

And such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that town a County Court.

3. MR. HIGGETT: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council—
- (1.) A copy of all instructions given by the Government, to the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the valuation of lands applied for to purchase under pre-emptive right.
 - (2.) A return of all lands alienated from the Crown under pre-emptive right, with names of purchaser and price per acre.
4. MR. MILLER: To move, That the "*Gas and Coke Company's Capital Increase Bill*" be read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. EDUCATION BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 30th November.

- GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.
LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.
GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 40.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills :—
 - “ *Volunteer Corps Bill,*”
 - “ *Common Lodging Houses Bill;*”
 and that His Excellency had been pleased to reserve the undermentioned Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon :—
 - “ *Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill.*”
3. PETITION.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from the Provisional Committee appointed at a Public Meeting held at Prahran, on the 5th day of September, 1854, to take the necessary steps with a view to the creation of that district into a Municipality, praying the Council not to alter the amount of the rate leviable under the “ *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill,*” as set down in the 27th clause thereof, and to fix and determine that the maximum rate shall not exceed the sum of 2s. in the pound.
Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion on the Paper for to-day :—
 - “ *Public Health Promotion Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
 - “ *Postal Communication with the United Kingdom—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 28.*”
5. IMPORTS—DUTIES.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House Returns shewing—
 - (1.) The number of gallons of brandy, rum, gin, and other spirits, and wine respectively, on which duty has been paid.
 - (2.) The number of pounds of tobacco, cigars, tea, and coffee, on which duty has been paid.
 - (3.) The number of gallons of beer in bulk and bottle imported, and the number of gallons on which duty has been paid.
 - (4.) The number of tons of sugar, raw, refined, and molasses, imported into Victoria, and that these Returns be furnished from the 1st October, 1853, to the 1st October, 1854.
 Question—put and passed.
6. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—Mr. Miller, with leave of the Council, moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the “ *Public Education Bill,*” on Wednesday, 13th December, be discharged.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Miller then moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill to make provision for Public Education be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. O'Shanassy, the Collector of Customs, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Campbell, the Honorable the Attorney General, and the Mover.
Mr. Annand required that the Committee be appointed by ballot.
Question—That the Bill to make provision for Public Education be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members—put and passed.
The Council then proceeded to the ballot, and the following Members being reported to have the greatest number of votes, were declared by the Speaker to be the Members of the Committee, viz. :—The Collector of Customs, the Attorney General, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Campbell, the Speaker, Mr. McCulloch, and the Mover.
7. GRANT FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the members of the Catholic Church and supporters of the Denominational System of Education, presented by him to the Council on the 29th instant, be printed.
Question—put and passed.

8. **VICTORIA EXHIBITION.**—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the Commissioners of the Victorian Exhibition will perform a general and public service by keeping the Exhibition open to the public as long as they can consistently, having reduced the entrance fee so as to enable persons of humble means to enjoy the benefit of this public institution.
Question—put and passed.
9. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 5th December next.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 5th December next.
“*Postal Communication with the United Kingdom—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 28.*”
11. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Surveyor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 5th December next.
Council adjourned at twenty minutes past four o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 1ST DECEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. HARRISON :** To move—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the practice pursued by the Government of throwing into the market large quantities of Crown lands during a period of financial difficulty is injurious to the present and future welfare of the Colony, inasmuch as it increases the immediate tightness of the money market and must cripple the resources of the Government in future years.
 - (2.) That the evil would be diminished by abandoning the present arbitrary mode of fixing the upset price of Crown lands offered at auction, and adopting instead thereof a system of valuation, which would give an upset price approximate to the actual minimum value of the respective allotments.
 - (3.) That it would be also advisable to insert in the Conditions of Sale a clause rendering it imperative upon each purchaser to make improvements on the land purchased by him equal in value to at least one-half of the price of the land, before he should be entitled to a conveyance from the Crown.
 - (4.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommending these resolutions to his consideration.
2. **MR. HORNE :** To move, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums to be expended in the improving of the town and for public works in Warrnambool :—
- (1.) For the Erection of Immigrants' Barracks, £1000.
 - (2.) A Road, or Tramway, over the sands from the Jetty, £700.
 - (3.) The Erection of a Signal Staff, £250.
 - (4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum, £1000.
 - (5.) Mechanics' Institute, £800.
 - (6.) Botanical Gardens, £1,500.
 - (7.) A Gaol, £3,000.
- And such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that town a County Court.
3. **MR. HIGHETT :** To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council—
- (1.) A copy of all instructions given by the Government, to the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the valuation of lands applied for to purchase under pre-emptive right.
 - (2.) A return of all lands alienated from the Crown under pre-emptive right, with names of purchaser and price per acre.
4. **MR. MILLER :** To move, That the “*Gas and Coke Company's Capital Increase Bill*” be read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENTS' ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HENTY : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a return shewing—
 - (1.) The number of sections of Crown Lands within the settled district lying between the River Glenelg and the Fitz Roy River.
 - (2.) The number of sections at present under lease, the names of the Lessees, and the number of sections included in each lease.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 28.
3. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 1st December.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th December.

GEEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 7th December.

GEEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 41.

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the Resolutions of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—
 - Extension of Wharf, Melbourne,—adopted on the 23rd November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Greeves,
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that the request of the Legislative Council should be complied with.
 - Grazing Statistics—adopted on the 23rd November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Strachan—
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such address, been pleased to state that he would cause the returns to be prepared and laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
 - Penal Establishments—Return from the Inspector General of Penal Establishments upon the the Penal Department of the Colony for the half-year ending 31st December, 1853.

Ordered to be printed.

 - Lease of Wharf Land to Peninsular and Oriental Company.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Cole, 6th October, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

 - The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned paper—
 - Imports—Duties.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Strachan, 30th November, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.
4. PETITION —The Surveyor General presented a Petition from the Committee of the Richmond Local Improvement Association, praying the Council so far to amend the Clause in the Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill as that there might be no limitation of the rate leviable under this Bill or otherwise.
 - That the rate now inserted in the Bill might be inserted.
 - That the owners of all lands held for speculative or unproductive purposes (except Crown Lands) might bear their share of any local assessment that might be levied by any local Commission of any Municipal District that might be formed by the Act now under consideration by the Council.

Petition received.
5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, received and read :—

BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor. *Message No. 29.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of—

“ A Bill for the more effectual prosecution of Enquiries by Boards and Commissioners.”

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 1st December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Message, taken into consideration Tuesday, 5th December instant.

6. SALES OF CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Harrison having, with the leave of the Council, divided the motion standing in his name, moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this Council the practice pursued by the Government of throwing into the market large quantities of Crown Lands during a period of financial difficulty is injurious to the present and future welfare of the Colony, inasmuch as it increases the immediate tightness of the money market and must cripple the resources of the Government in future years.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
7. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums to be expended in the improving of the town and for public works in Warrnambool :—
- (1.) For the Erection of Immigrants' Barracks, £1000.
 - (2.) A Road, or Tramway, over the sands from the Jetty, £700.
 - (3.) The Erection of a Signal Staff, £250.
 - (4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum, £1000.
 - (5.) Mechanics' Institute, £800.
 - (6.) Botanical Gardens, £1,500.
 - (7.) A Gaol, £3,000.
- And such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that town a County Court.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 15th December instant.
8. VALUATION OF CROWN LANDS APPLIED FOR UNDER PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHT.—Mr. Highett moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council—
- (1.) A copy of all instructions given by the Government, to the Commissioners of Crown Lands, relative to the valuation of lands applied for to purchase under pre-emptive right.
 - (2.) A return of all lands alienated from the Crown under pre-emptive right, with names of purchaser and price per acre.
- Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
9. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Miller, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 5th December instant.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 5th December instant :
- “ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill*,”—Second reading.
“ *Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Bill*,”—Second reading.
“ *Auction Sales Regulation Bill*,”—Second reading.
- Council adjourned at six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HENTY : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a return shewing—
 - (1.) The number of sections of Crown Lands within the settled district lying between the River Glenelg and the Fitz Roy River.
 - (2.) The number of sections at present under lease, the names of the Lessees, and the number of sections included in each lease.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move, that the thanks of this House are due to the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's 12th and 40th Regiments, sent last week on duty to Ballarat, for their truly soldierlike and highly commendable forbearance, in patiently receiving the hootings and violent assaults of a mob of worthless idlers, whom no man can class as true Diggers ;—the merits of the forbearance, and the steady patience of men having arms in their hands wherewith to repel assault, stamps these troops and their commanders as truly British troops.
Contingent—That the Honorable the Speaker be requested to present the thanks of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he may transmit the same as early as possible to the officer in command of such troops, and that it be communicated to the persons for whom it is intended, as early as possible.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
2. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM—Consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 28.
3. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
4. BOARDS OF INQUIRY BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 29.
5. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL—Second reading.
8. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 5th December.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND BELFAST BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 6th December.

GEE LONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 7th December.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 42.

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

DISTURBANCES AT BALLAARAT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 30.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor has the painful duty of informing the Legislative Council that serious disturbances have occurred at Ballaarat.

Misguided men, assembled in armed bodies, under military leaders, have intimidated and plundered the well affected, set the law at defiance, and fired on and killed some of Her Majesty's forces. Promptly to suppress this insurrection, the Lieutenant Governor, with the advice of his Executive Council, has proclaimed Martial Law, confining its execution to the district in which the outrages have been perpetrated.

The Lieutenant Governor is aware that the population of Ballaarat generally do not participate in these seditious movements, and he has adopted a course by which the wishes and interests of the well affected will, in his opinion, best be consulted

On the support of the Legislative Council and the loyalty of the colonists he confidently relies, and trusts that the measures to which he has had recourse will, under Divine Providence, restore peace and tranquillity to the country.

He has availed himself of the earliest opportunity of placing the Council in full possession of the steps he has felt it imperatively his duty to take, and will cause to be laid before them copies of Despatches and Papers on the subject.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 5th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the Despatches and Papers referred to in the Message.

3. CROWN LANDS IN SETTLED DISTRICT BETWEEN GLENELG RIVER AND FITZ ROY RIVER.—
Mr. Henty moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a return shewing—
 - (1.) The number of sections of Crown Lands within the settled district lying between the River Glenelg and the Fitz Roy River.
 - (2.) The number of sections at present under lease, the names of the Lessees, and the number of sections included in each lease.
 Question—put and passed.
4. THANKS OF THE COUNCIL TO MILITARY.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the thanks of this House are due to the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's 12th and 40th Regiments, sent the week before last on duty to Ballaarat, for their truly soldierlike and highly-commendable forbearance, in patiently receiving the hootings and violent assaults of a mob of worthless idlers, whom no man can class as true Diggers; the merits of the forbearance, and the steady patience of men having arms in their hands wherewith to repel assault, stamp these troops and their commanders as truly British.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Fawkner then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That the Honorable the Speaker be requested to present the thanks of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that he may transmit the same as early as possible to the officer in command of such troops, and that it be communicated to the persons for whom it is intended as early as possible.
Question—put and passed.

5. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.

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

6. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council the undermentioned Papers :—
Health Report of Immigrants, Prisoners, and the Public Force of the Colony, by the Chief Medical Officer, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

7. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 28, having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Collector of Customs then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the above Message.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee consider it expedient that the arrangements detailed in Colonel Maberly's Letter to the Colonial Department, under date the 19th March, 1853, and in Mr. Hill's Despatch to the Postmaster General of Victoria, under date the 5th July, 1854, relative to the charges upon letters conveyed between the United Kingdom and this Colony, should be adopted, and that the Committee further express decided preference for the system of compulsory prepayment of letters.

On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council adopted the above report, and ordered an Address, embodying the same, to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 7th December instant.

*"Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.—To be further re-considered in
"Committee."*

9. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 29, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying this Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, ordered to be read a second time to-morrow, and to be printed.

10. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day.

11. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 12th December instant.

12. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

13. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

14. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 8th December instant.

Council adjourned at twenty minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.
2. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
3. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL—Second reading.
4. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That the Petition from the inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo, praying the Council would adopt such measures as may be within the power of the Council, to obtain the immediate repeal of the present Land System of the Colony, be printed, and that this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider and report upon the prayer of the aforesaid Petition on Tuesday, 12th December instant.
2. MR. MILLER : To move, That the Lieutenant Governor, having been placed in a painfully embarrassing position since his arrival in Victoria, is entitled to the sympathy and support of this Council, and it pledges itself, by every means in its power, to aid him in restoring and maintaining Law and Order.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 6th December.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 7th December.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 43.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF OFFICE BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—The Colonial Secretary informed the Council that he had considered it his duty to tender to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the resignation of his office of Colonial Secretary, which His Excellency had been pleased to accept. The Colonial Secretary then thanked the Council and Members thereof individually for the uniform courtesy he had received during his tenure of office.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under—
 - “ *Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimate for 1854—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22* ”—until Wednesday, 13th December instant.
 - “ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee* ”—until to-morrow.
 - “ *Boards of Enquiry Bill—Second Reading.* ”
 - “ *Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Bill—To be further considered in Committee,* ” and
 - “ *Auction Sales Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee* ”—until after the consideration of the other business on the paper for to-day.
4. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo, praying the Council would adopt such measures as may be within the power of the Council, to obtain the immediate repeal of the present Land System of the Colony, be printed, and that this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider and report upon the prayer of the aforesaid Petition on Tuesday, 12th December instant.
Question—put and passed.
5. SYMPATHY WITH, AND SUPPORT OF, THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That the Lieutenant Governor, having been placed in a painfully embarrassing position since his arrival in Victoria, is entitled to the sympathy and support of this Council, and it pledges itself, by every means in its power, to aid him in restoring and maintaining Law and Order.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed unanimously.
Mr. Miller was proceeding to move that the Address conveying the above resolution be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the whole Council, at such time as he should appoint, when the Colonial Secretary informed the Council that in anticipation of the wishes of the Council he had ascertained it to be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Council's Address at the Government Offices, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock,—whereupon it was agreed that the Council proceed to the Government Offices, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, and there present the above Address and Resolution.
6. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Miller the Council ordered that Standing Order, No. 18, be suspended.
Mr. Miller then moved, That this Council at its rising this day do adjourn until a quarter before twelve o'clock to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.

8. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL.—The order of the day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Auction Sales Regulation Bill.—To be further considered in Committee.

Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past five o'clock, until a quarter before twelve o'clock to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
2. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

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OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 7th December.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 44.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR.—On the motion of Mr. Miller, the Council proceeded to the Government Offices, there to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor their Address of sympathy and support. The Council having returned, the Speaker reported that the Council had proceeded to the Government Offices, and there presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor their Address of sympathy and support, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN :

It is with no small pride and satisfaction that, at a moment of unusual difficulty, the Legislative Council of Victoria have assembled themselves around the Governor, and enabled him to proclaim to the world that, with one voice, and one mind, and one heart we are resolved to maintain the law. I assure you, Gentlemen, that my utmost endeavours have been used to stave off and to prevent the difficulty which has arisen, but is now, I am thankful to say, rapidly disappearing.

I am desirous, if you will grant me time, to touch upon these points lightly, in order to shew to you that my words are not lightly uttered, not spoken without some consideration.

Before the deputation came from the Gold Fields, the Eureka riot broke out, and the burning of the Eureka Hotel ensued. Immediately the information of the discharge of Bentley and the other men was sent to the Attorney General he saw that the authorities had taken the wrong course, and he came out post haste to Toorak, and recommended most strongly that the men who had been prisoners should be again brought to trial. We had then received no representation of any sort or kind from the Diggers of Ballaarat. Immediately instructions were sent down to bring Bentley and his associates to trial, and shortly after that we heard that the fire had taken place at the Eureka Hotel.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen, I wish to establish the fact, that the Government had given orders to enquire into the manner in which the former trial had been conducted before any representation from the Diggers of Ballaarat had been received, and before any violence had ensued.

Of the trial of the men engaged in the burning of the hotel I shall say but little, excepting to observe that the sentence was most lenient.

There were reasons which induced us to imagine that the conduct of the authorities at Ballaarat had not been entirely what it ought to have been, and a Commission was sent down, with very stringent instructions, to enquire into the whole case, and to bring the offenders, of whatever degree they might be, prominently to notice. The result of that enquiry was, that the Magistrate was dismissed, the Sergeant Major was also dismissed (or rather will be placed under punishment and then be dismissed), and that the Coroner was most severely reprimanded for some injudicious expressions which he made use of. Now, Mr. Speaker and Gentleman, I do not think that that shews there was a Government in power which was unwilling to listen to the voice of the people.

The Commission returned, the military were withdrawn, and there was every probable appearance of order and tranquillity at those Diggings, when suddenly we found it necessary to send down an overwhelming force, in consequence of the reports we received from Ballaarat. The Camp was threatened, and reports reached us that the Camp was not safe an hour, and then the time arrived when it became absolutely necessary that some vigorous steps should be taken, and a decisive blow be struck. With regard to the opinion which I formed of the manner in which the authorities acted, I shall allow my own Despatches to speak for themselves.

“ 5th December, 1854.

“ SIR, “ I am commanded by the Lieutenant Governor to inform you, that he has perused your Despatch dated 3rd December, 1854, to the Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields.

“ Since the period when His Excellency deemed it necessary to strengthen the military detachment up to the present moment, His Excellency has had every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the officers and men belonging to the Ballaarat Gold Fields.

“ His Excellency considers that you exercised a sound and wise discretion in attacking the insurgents, instead of waiting until they were the aggressors, for thereby you destroyed the prestige which invariably attaches itself to the force which obliges its opponents to maintain its position, whilst the resources of the country are at the disposal of the former.

“ His Excellency desires me to convey to all the officers and men, civil and military, his thanks for their zeal and ability, and especially to Captain Thomas, the officer commanding, for the disposition of his small force.

“ Until the arrival of the Major General the prisoners must be kept at Ballaarat. You will of course take such measures as will preclude the possibility of their escape. Evidence should be taken against them for having seditiously and treasonably met and opposed Her Majesty's forces; and they should be committed to Melbourne to take their trial at such sessions of the Supreme Court as the Attorney General may appoint.

“ A Proclamation has issued directing Martial Law to be enforced, but this will not affect prisoners who committed offences prior to the 6th December, nor supersede the administration of justice, save so far as such administration may interfere with the execution of Martial Law. The prisoners should be transmitted to Melbourne as soon as the Major General considers sufficient force for their safe escort can be spared.

“ Although Martial Law has been declared, you are to use every exertion to apprehend all the speakers who took part at the meeting when the Licenses were burnt, to which effect similar instructions have been sent to all the other Gold Fields; but the warrants must of course emanate from you, and be despatched to Castlemaine, to be from thence forwarded as the Resident Commissioner may deem advisable.

“ The Lieutenant Governor having expressed his satisfaction at the course which the authorities have pursued, and the success they have obtained in upholding law and order, deems it his duty to call the particular attention of all the authorities to the exercise of moderation and forbearance; for, as it was incumbent upon him and them to support the law, so will the public voice ultimately be heard, according to the mode in which the subsequent proceedings are conducted.

“ This letter is of course to be communicated to the Major General commanding.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

“ JOHN FOSTER.

“ The Resident Commissioner, Ballaarat.”

“ 6th December, 1854.

“ SIR,

“ In compliance with His Excellency's instructions, I yesterday called your attention to the necessity of enjoining upon all under your control the propriety of forbearance, caution, and temper towards the mining population.

“ I am again to repeat to you, that His Excellency desires that the utmost moderation be shewn.

“ Instructions will be sent to you directing you how to act concerning the disposal of the prisoners.

“ I have the honor to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

“ J. MOORE,

“ Assistant Colonial Secretary.

“ The Resident Commissioner, Ballaarat.”

In consequence of the receipt of the following Despatch, which I will read to you, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, Martial Law is to cease on Saturday next at twelve o'clock :—

“ Head Quarters, Ballaarat,

“ 5th December, 1854.

“ SIR,

“ I have the honor, by direction of the Major General, to inform you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the troops under his command, guns, &c., arrived here at two o'clock p.m. to-day, having left Ballan at two o'clock this morning.

"The men arrived in first-rate order, and there was not the slightest expression of feeling during our progress through the centre of the Diggings. Everything here appears quiet.

"The Major General has, of course, had no time to form any opinions.

"He acknowledges receipt, on his route this morning, of His Excellency's Despatch enclosing the Proclamation.

"Captain Thomas reports an exchange of shots with some of the sentries last night, but nothing of importance.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

"WILLIAM F. A. WALLACE,

"Grenadier Guards,

"A. M. Secretary.

"The Honorable the Colonial Secretary."

I was anxious to have those Despatches read, to shew that whilst on the one hand we have endeavoured to the utmost of our power to uphold law and order, yet the very moment it was feasible we revert to the original state of things; and Martial Law, which is repugnant to every Englishman and especially so to every Colonist, will cease as soon as possible, and I most anxiously hope that there may not be again occasion to revert to it. I see no probability at the present moment of there being any necessity for the employment of military force on any of the other Gold Fields. On the contrary, a very peaceable and orderly feeling, according to the accounts which we are receiving, appears to exist at Bendigo, Castlemaine, and elsewhere. I have received a petition from the Diggers at Forest Creek, which I am anxious to shew, and which I will also read an extract from:—

"Your Excellency will be pleased to observe, that this is the only place where there has been no kind of disturbance, and has at all times been orderly kept by the Diggers, although the population has been great at different times, and the Diggers also have been and are obedient to the authorities placed over them."

That petition is signed by 1300 Diggers.

My constant endeavour whilst at the head of this Government will be, assisted by the Speaker and gentlemen of the Legislative Council who now come forward so handsomely, to conduct the administration of this country with the utmost possible temperance. I am satisfied that the time for military law and rule by violence has gone never to be recovered, and it ought not to be recovered. But, Gentlemen, the moment there is an outbreak, and that caused not by Englishmen, but caused by Foreigners—men who are not suffered to remain in their own countries in consequence of the violence of their characters, and the deeds they have done—I for one say that whenever that happens the Englishmen of Victoria must rally round the Government, and must to a man sink their minor differences and forget the causes of difference which to Englishmen are inherent, and which to a certain extent are the blessings of our Constitution, and must rally round the authorities, liking or disliking them, and put that outbreak down. As long as I am at the head of the Government here I will endeavour to prevent these Foreigners agitating to disturb the good order which generally exists in Victoria, and preventing the honest and industrious portion of the population from continuing at their work.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, the resolution passed yesterday, and particularly the remarkably able tone of the debate upon the question last night, will be heard throughout Australia, and will shew that the Colonists will not suffer anarchy and confusion to reign here; that we will maintain law and order; and be the men that endeavour to create disturbance who they may, and from whatever countries they may come, down they shall be put. But, at the same time, we will to the utmost of our power endeavour to redress any grievances that may exist, and by appointing a Commission, as I have done, I shew that I fully believe there is some cause of grievance, or I should not have appointed it. We will redress all grievances if possible, maintain order, and keep prominently before us the fact that our endeavors will meet with their reward in the way that the Legislative Council and the Speaker at their head have shewn.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen, I most cordially thank you for your expression of feeling, and I hope from the bottom of my heart that whatever circumstances may arise I may not be found wanting.

3. PAPERS.—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers:—

Crown Land in Settled District between Glenelg River and Fitz Roy River.—

Return to Address, adopted 5th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Henty.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.

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

5. **BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.

6. **ADDRESSES.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—

Imports—Duties.—Adopted on the 30th November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Strachan ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council with all possible despatch.

Valuation of Crown Lands claimed under Pre-emptive Right.—Adopted on the 1st December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Highett ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause these Returns to be furnished in compliance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.

Crown Land in Settled District between Glenelg River and Fitz Roy River.—

Adopted on the 5th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Henty ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be prepared and laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.

Thanks of the Council to Military.—Adopted on the 5th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would at the earliest opportunity convey the thanks of the House therein contained to the Major General commanding Her Majesty's Forces, to be by him communicated to the Officers and Men more especially alluded to. The Lieutenant Governor fully concurred in the commendations bestowed by the Legislative Council on this occasion.

Postal Communication with the United Kingdom.—Adopted on the 5th December, 1854, on the motion of the Collector of Customs ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the decision of the Legislative Council should be communicated to the Home Government, and it only remained for the Legislative Council to give legal sanction to their resolution, by passing the Bill transmitted to the Council.

7. **COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other business for to-day :—

“ Auction Sales Regulation Bill.—To be further considered in Committee.”

9. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

“ Auction Sales Regulation Bill.—To be further considered in Committee.”

Council adjourned at four minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
2. **GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL**—Adoption of Report.
3. **PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL**—To be further re-considered in Committee.
4. **BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL**—Adoption of Report.
5. **COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL**—Adoption of Report.
6. **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL**—To be further re-considered in Committee.
7. **AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—
To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 12th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 14th December.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 15th December.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 45.

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from certain Colonists residing in the parish of St. Peters, in the City of Melbourne, in the Colony of Victoria, praying the Council to pass, as early as possible during the present Session, a Bill similar in its principles and provisions to the "*Bill to make provision for Public Education*," introduced into the Legislative Council at the last Session by the Honorable the Attorney General, as that Bill was amended in Committee.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
Steam Tug and Dredging Vessel.—Further correspondence from the Agent General, and Commander Lockyer.
Ordered to be printed.
Agricultural Returns—Crown Lands.—Return to address adopted 14th September, 1853, on the motion of Mr. Haines.
The Colonial Secretary moved that this Return "*be printed.*"
Mr. Greeves moved as amendment that the words "*be printed*" be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words "*do lie upon the Council Table.*"
Question—that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted so be inserted—put and passed.
Question—That this return do lie upon the Council Table—put and passed.
4. PETITION.—The Collector of Customs presented a Petition from Andrew Rose Cruikshank, as President of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying the Council would be pleased to adopt the Tariff appended thereto, or one based on similar principles.
Petition received.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Standing Order, No. 18, was ordered to be suspended.
The Collector of Customs then moved, That the Petition presented by him this day from Andrew Rose Cruikshank, be printed.
Question—put and passed.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—
CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.
CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 31.*
Lieutenant Governor.
In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of
"*A Bill for granting Duties of Customs in the Colony of Victoria.*"
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th December, 1854.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council ordered that the Standing Orders of this Council be suspended so far as to allow the Customs Duties Bill to pass through all its stages this day.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—The Collector of Customs moved that this Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time after the consideration of the other Orders of the Day.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 12th December instant :—
“ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Second Reading.*”
10. GAS AND COKE COMPANY’S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill. Amendments agreed to. Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 12th December instant.
11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other Order for to-day :—
“ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”
“ *Boards of Enquiry Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
“ *Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
“ *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”
“ *Auction Sales Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
12. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—The Collector of Customs moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 12th December instant :—
“ *Public Health Promotion Bill.—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”
14. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—on the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Tuesday, 12th December instant.
15. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL.—The Council adopted the report from the Committee of the whole upon this Bill—amendments agreed to.
Bill to be read a third time Wednesday, 13th December instant.
16. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 12th December instant.
17. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 12th December instant.
18. PAPERS.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council :—
Supreme Court Rules : Amended Rules of the Supreme Court—Nos. 7, 19, and 22 of Chapter IV.
Ordered to be printed.
19. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Collector of Customs, read a third time and *passed*.
The Collector of Customs then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act for granting Duties of Customs in the Colony of Victoria.*”
Question—put and passed.
20. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council ordered the Suspension of Standing Order No. 28.
The Council then ordered that the Colonial Secretary do present the “ *Bill for granting Duties of Customs in the Colony of Victoria*” to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for Her Majesty’s Assent.
Council adjourned at thirteen minutes after six o’clock until three o’clock on Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—
To be considered in Committee.
4. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL—Third reading.
6. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
7. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL—Third reading.
8. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
9. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on
the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.
2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL—Third reading.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 12th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 13th December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 14th December.

GEEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 15th December.

GEEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 46.

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain Members of the Wesleyan Church and others, resident at Brunswick and the neighbourhood thereof, praying that the Bill for the promotion of Public Education might receive the sanction of the Council, and be passed into law with the least possible delay.
Petition received.
The Surveyor General presented a Petition from the Local Committee appointed by and on behalf of the inhabitants of Emerald Hill, praying the Council—1st, To refuse to sanction the adoption of the Attorney General's proposition, in regard to the *Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill*, as complained of in the Petition, or any proposition having a similar tendency. But, 2nd, and, in order to enable the petitioners and those they represent to avail themselves of the provisions of the Bill, to insert a clause in the event of their constituting themselves into a separate municipality, enacting immunity from any bonds granted or debts contracted by the Corporation of Melbourne, the same being guaranteed by Government, unless, in so far as such Corporation could instruct to have been properly disbursed in the improvement and for behoof of a specific locality constituted under the *Municipal Authorities Bill*; and, 3rd, To be pleased to accelerate the progress of the Bill with a view to the same becoming law, before the intervention of the Christmas Recess.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Trade and Customs—Accounts relating to Trade and Customs for the third quarter of the year 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
(1.) Crown Lands—Return of all Land offered for sale and alienated from the Crown from 30th June, 1853, to 30th June, 1854.
(2.) Return of Town Land offered for sale and alienated from the Crown from the 30th June, 1853, to 30th June, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
4. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders be postponed until after the consideration of the 8th Order of the Day:—
"Impounding Law Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee."
"Crown Land Regulations—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee."
"Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Second reading."
"Gas and Coke Company's Capital Increase Bill—Third Reading."
"Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee."
"Boards of Enquiry Bill—Third Reading."

6. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow—Bill as amended to be printed.

7. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 30th January next.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

“ *Crown Land Regulations—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.*”

“ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”

“ *Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”

9. GAS AND COKE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Miller, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Miller then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ *An Act to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to increase the Capital of the said Company to the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, to be raised by the issue of six thousand shares of ten pounds each.*”

Question—put and passed.

10. BOARDS OF ENQUIRY BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ *An Act for the more effectual prosecution of Enquiries by Boards and Commissions.*”

Question—put and passed.

11. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

12. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 14th instant—Bill as amended to be printed.

Council adjourned at quarter past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

Government Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: (1.) To move to discharge the Order of the Day for 22nd December—(2.) To move, That the “ *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill*” be read a on Thursday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1854.—Adjourned debate on the consideration of the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 22.
 2. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL—Third reading.
 3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
 5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business:—

1. MR. WILKINSON: To ask the Colonial Secretary why the following sums, granted during the previous session by this Council, to be expended in the several undermentioned public works at Portland, have not been appropriated in accordance with the intention of the House, viz:—Towards improving the harbor, £4000; erecting a post office, £2000; police buildings, £3000.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move—

(1.) That as the Constitution Act, under which the present Legislature of Victoria has been called into being, did not provide for the extension of the Elective Franchise to any other persons than those having the qualification set forth in the 4th clause of that Act, but on the contrary specially precluded any extension of such Franchise, unless with the concurrence of the Sovereign and the Imperial Parliament, this Council deems it expedient to enlarge the number of its members, with a view to give a fair share of representation to the Mining Population of the Colony.

(2.) That in order to effect this object, the Government should at once introduce a measure into this Council to erect the more important Gold Fields of Ballaarat, Castlemaine, Sandhurst, and Beechworth into new Electoral Districts, whereby the freehold, leasehold, household, and pastoral electors thereof may be enabled to return Members to this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1855.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 13th December.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 14th December.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 15th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF SEAT BY A MEMBER.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had received a letter from the Assistant Colonial Secretary, transmitting a copy of Resignation by W. C. Haines, Esq., of his Seat as Member of this Council for the Electoral District of the County of Grant.
3. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from the Auctioneers and Cattle Salesmen of the City of Melbourne, praying that the "*Auction Sales Regulation Bill*" might be postponed for a fortnight, in order that they might forward their views concerning it to the Council, as the Petitioners considered many of the clauses are impossible to be carried out.
Petition received.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Surveyor General, on behalf of the Attorney General, moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Order of the Day for the 22nd December instant, be discharged from the paper.
Question—put and passed.
The Surveyor General then moved, That the "*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill*" be read a second time, to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.—Order discharged.
5. NEW MEMBER.—The Speaker announced that there had been handed to him Letters Patent under the hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Seal of the Colony of Victoria, bearing date at Melbourne, the 12th day of December, 1854, appointing William Clark Haines, Esq., a Non-elective Member of the Council, and until Her Majesty's pleasure be known.
William Clark Haines, Esq., was then introduced, and having taken the Oath, took his seat in the Council as Member thereof.
6. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1854.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 22—Debate on the question, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, resumed.
Mr. O'Shanassy moved as an amendment, That all the words after the words "That" be omitted with a view to insert in their place the words :—
"This Council having given the Financial Minute of His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, the most careful consideration, is of opinion—
I. That, as a principle of prudent legislation, the ordinary expenditure of the Government for the year 1855, should not exceed the revenue, estimated by this Council at £2,400,000, which includes £400,000 the unappropriated moiety of the Land Fund, and an estimated increase in the Tariff of not less than £320,700.
II. That the expenditure should be apportioned on the following basis :—

1. Education	... ..	£155,000
2. Appropriations, as by Acts local and imperial	...	132,000
3. Public Works (inclusive of interest on a loan to pay for reproductive works, as already approved by law)	... ..	800,000
4. Salaries, Establishments, Scientific, Charitable Institutions, &c.	... ..	1,313,000
		£2,400,000

III. That the appropriated moiety of the Land Fund, as estimated for 1855, at £400,000, should be transmitted, according to law, for the purpose of promoting Emigration from the United Kingdom.
IV. That this Council cannot sanction, either as a loan or as an appropriation, the sum of £869,000, being the amount of money solemnly guaranteed by Act of Parliament for the purposes of Emigration."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 14.
Mr. Forlonge,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Attorney General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Question—That the words—" This Council having given the Financial Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the most careful consideration, is of opinion—

I. That as a principle of prudent legislation, the ordinary expenditure of the Government for the year 1855 should not exceed the Revenue, estimated by this Council at £2,400,000, which includes £400,000, the unappropriated moiety of the Land Fund, and an estimated increase in the Tariff of not less than £320,700," be inserted in place of the words omitted.—Put and passed.

Question—That the words—

" II. That the Expenditure should be apportioned on the following basis :—

1. Education	...	...	...	...	...	£	155,000
2. Appropriations as by Acts Local and Imperial	...	...	...	...	...		132,000
3. Public Works (inclusive of interest, on a loan to pay for re-productive Works as already approved by law	...	...	...	...	...		800,000
4. Salaries, Establishments, Scientific, Charitable Institutions, &c.	...	...	...	...	...		1,313,000
							<u>£2,400,000</u>

be also inserted—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 20.
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Harrison,
The Collector of Customs,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie (*Teller.*)

Question—That the words (3) That the appropriated moiety of the Land Fund, as estimated for 1855 at £400,000, should be transmitted, according to law, for the purpose of promoting Emigration from the United Kingdom, be also inserted.—Put and passed.

Question—That the words (4), That this Council cannot sanction, either as a loan or as an appropriation, the sum of £869,000, being the amount of money solemnly guaranteed by Act of Parliament for the purposes of Emigration.—Put and passed.

Question—That this Council having given the Financial Minute of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the most careful consideration, is of opinion—

1. That, as a principle of prudent legislation, the ordinary expenditure of the Government for the year 1855 should not exceed the revenue, estimated by this Council at £2,400,000, which includes £400,000, the unappropriated moiety of the Land Fund, and an estimated increase in the Tariff of not less than £320,700.

2. That the expenditure should be apportioned on the following basis:—

1. Education	£155,000
2. Appropriations, as by Acts local and imperial	132,000
3. Public Works (inclusive of interest on a loan to pay for reproductive works, as already approved by law)	800,000
4. Salaries, Establishments, Scientific, Charitable Institutions, &c.	1,313,000
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	£2,400,000

3. That the appropriated moiety of the Land Fund, as estimated for 1855, at £400,000, should be transmitted, according to law, for the purpose of promoting Emigration from the United Kingdom.

4. That this Council cannot sanction, either as a loan or as an appropriation, the sum of £869,000, being the amount of money solemnly guaranteed by Act of Parliament for the purposes of Emigration.—Put and passed.

7. COMMISSIONER OF INSOLVENT ESTATES BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ An Act to alter the Law relating to the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.”

Question—put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“ Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.”

“ Public Health Promotion Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.”

“ Auction Sales Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.”

9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. O'Shanassy postponed the motion standing in his name No. 1, General Business, on the Notice Paper of to-day until to-morrow.

10. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Surveyor General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the Preamble of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“ Crown Land Regulations—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.”

Council adjourned at twenty minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

Government Business:—

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the House at its rising on Friday next, the 15th instant, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 30th day of January, 1855.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. O'SHANASSY : To move—

- (1.) That as the Constitution Act, under which the present Legislature of Victoria has been called into being, did not provide for the extension of the Elective Franchise to any other persons than those having the qualification set forth in the 4th clause of that Act, but on the contrary specially precluded any extension of such Franchise, unless with the concurrence of the Sovereign and the Imperial Parliament, this Council deems it expedient to enlarge the number of its members, with a view to give a fair share of representation to the Mining Population of the Colony.
- (2.) That in order to effect this object, the Government should at once introduce a measure into this Council to erect the more important Gold Fields of Ballaarat, Castlemaine, Sandhurst, and Beechworth into new Electoral Districts, whereby the freehold, leasehold, household, and pastoral electors thereof may be enabled to return Members to this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.
2. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL—Third reading.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1855.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 14th December.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 15th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1855.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 48.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
 - “*Melbourne Gas and Coke Company's Capital Increase Bill.*”
 - “*Boards of Enquiry Bill.*”
 - “*Commissioner of Insolvent Estates Bill.*”
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Strachan presented Petitions from the undermentioned persons, praying that the Bill to make provision for public education might receive the sanction of the Council, and be passed into law, viz. :—
 - (1.) From the Members of the Wesleyan Church and others resident at Geelong and the neighbourhood.
 - (2.) From the Members of the Wesleyan Church and others resident at Chilwell and in the neighbourhood.
 - (3.) From the Members of the Wesleyan Church and others resident at South Geelong and in the neighbourhood.
 Petitions severally received.
4. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S BILL.—Mr. Nicholson, as Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred, brought up the Report, together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence, and moved that it be received.

Question—put and passed.—Ordered to lie upon the Table.
5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising on Friday next, the 15th instant, do adjourn until Tuesday, the “*thirtieth*” January, 1855.

Mr. Mollison moved, as an amendment, that the word “*thirtieth*” be omitted, and the word “*second*” inserted in lieu thereof.

Debate ensued.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That the House, at its rising on Friday next, the 15th instant, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 30th January, 1855—put and passed.
6. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

“*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Second Reading.*”
8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

9. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, received and read :—

MARTIAL LAW INDEMNITY BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 32.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vic., c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

" A Bill to indemnify all persons who have acted under the authority of Martial Law within a certain district in Victoria."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 14th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

10. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The above Message having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

11. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

12. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Snodgrass, on behalf of Mr. O'Shanassy, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. O'Shanassy on the Notice Paper of to-day until to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow—to take precedence of other Orders of the Day :—

" Crown Land Regulations—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee."

15. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of clause III of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Surveyor General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Surveyor General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

" An Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria."

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at four minutes to eight o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £30,000 from the amounts to be voted by the Council for the promotion of elementary education for the year 1855, should be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the liquidation of out-standing claims, in such manner as may be most convenient to the Executive Government.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of all correspondence between the Road Board and the Town Council of Geelong, respecting the formation and repair of main lines of road within the Corporation boundaries.

3. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move—

- (1.) That as the Constitution Act, under which the present Legislature of Victoria has been called into being, did not provide for the extension of the Elective Franchise to any other persons than those having the qualification set forth in the 4th clause of that Act, but on the contrary specially precluded any extension of such Franchise, unless with the concurrence of the Sovereign and the Imperial Parliament, this Council deems it expedient to enlarge the number of its members, with a view to give a fair share of representation to the Mining Population of the Colony.
- (2.) That in order to effect this object, the Government should at once introduce a measure into this Council to erect the more important Gold Fields of Ballarat, Castlemaine, Sandhurst, and Beechworth into new Electoral Districts, whereby the freehold, leasehold, household, and pastoral electors thereof may be enabled to return Members to this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS—Petition from the Inhabitants of the Gold Fields of Bendigo—To be considered in Committee.
2. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—Third reading.
4. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. MARTIAL LAW INDEMNITY BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 32.
6. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
7. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL—Third reading.
8. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1855.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 15th December.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1855.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 1st February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 49.

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1854.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD.—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £30,000 from the amounts to be voted by the Council for the promotion of elementary education for the year 1855, should be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the liquidation of out-standing claims, in such manner as may be most convenient to the Executive Government.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported to the Council that an expression had been made use of in Committee by Mr. O'Shanassy, that certain statements also made in the Committee by the Honorable the Speaker of this Council, without proof thereof being adduced, were discreditable to any Member, and especially to the Speaker of the Council,—Mr. O'Shanassy was heard in explanation, and ordered to withdraw.
Mr. O'Shanassy having withdrawn, and strangers having been ordered to withdraw.
The Collector of Customs moved, That Mr. O'Shanassy be called in, and called upon to withdraw the expression "discreditable," as applied in Committee to a Member of this Council.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Whereupon Mr. O'Shanassy was called in, and the Speaker having communicated to him the above resolution, Mr. O'Shanassy withdrew the expression as applied to the Honorable the Speaker.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

SLAUGHTER HOUSES REGULATION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 33.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
" *A Bill for the better regulation of Slaughter Houses.*"

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration
30th January, 1855.

CUSTOMS' LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 34.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
" *A Bill to amend the Law for the management of the Customs.*"

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration
Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 35.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
"A Bill to make provision for the more speedy and certain enforcement of Forfeited
"Recognizances."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 36.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
"A Bill to prevent the further pollution of the Waters of the Yarra Yarra, and to
"abate the nuisances already existing."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 37.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration, the draft of
"A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment of
"Public Abattoirs in the City of Melbourne, and for preventing certain
"nuisances therein.'"

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 38.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
"A Bill for giving the like remedy on various mercantile instruments as is now used
"on Bills of Exchange."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 39.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
"A Bill to amend the Law relative to the Registration of Deeds in the Supreme
"Court."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 40.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
"A Bill to amend the Law relative to Friendly Societies."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No 41.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

*"A Bill to provide for the Registration of duly qualified Medical Practitioners,
"and to prevent unauthorised persons from practising."*

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INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 42.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

"A Bill to amend the Law for the Management of Intestate Estates."

*Government Office,
Melbourne, 15th December, 1854.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Tuesday, 30th January, 1855.

4. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD.—The above Messages having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £30,000 from the amounts to be voted by the Council for the promotion of elementary education for the year 1855, should be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, for the liquidation of outstanding claims in such manner as may be most convenient to the Executive Government.

The Chairman, having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of £10,000 from the amounts to be voted by the Council for the promotion of elementary education for the year 1855, should be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board in such manner as may be most convenient to the Executive Government,—the Council adopted such report.

5. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council—
Additional Rule of the Commissioners of National Education.

Ordered to be printed.

The President of the Road Board, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council—

Central Road Board—Correspondence of the Board with Town Council of Geelong.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Cole, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended.

7. RETURN OF EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Cole moved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Return, signed by each Head of Department, shewing the amount actually expended or incurred by each Department during the year 1854, distinguishing Salaries from Contingencies, and stating upon whose requisition the expense was incurred, and whether the amount spent is in excess or otherwise of the amount voted by this Council for the service of the year 1854; together with any explanatory remarks that may be made by the Head of the Department.

Question—put and passed.

8. REVENUE.—Mr. Cole moved, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council, a Return shewing in detail the amount of Revenue received by the Government during the year 1854; and also the balance on 31st December, 1853, and on the 31st December, 1854, respectively, to the credit of the Government, under every head of Revenue, stating in what Bank or Banks such several balances were or may be.

Question—put and passed.

9. CROWN LAND REGULATIONS.—PETITION FROM THE INHABITANTS OF THE GOLD FIELDS OF BENDIGO.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Petition in Committee of the whole Council having been read, Mr. Fawkner moved that the Council do now proceed to the other Orders of the Day.

Question—put and passed.

10. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council, of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, to be expended in the improving of the Town, and for Public Works in Warrnambool :—

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(1.) For the erection of Immigrants' Barracks	1,000
(2.) A Road or Tramway over the Sands from the Jetty	700
(3.) The erection of a Signal Staff	250
(4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum	1,000
(5.) Mechanics' Institute	800
(6.) Botanical Gardens	1,500
(7.) A Gaol	3,000

and such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that Town a County Court, having been read—The Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 2nd February, 1855.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other Orders of the Day :—

" Management of Towns Bill—Third reading."

" Public Disturbances prevention Bill—Second reading."

12. MARTIAL LAW INDEMNITY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 32, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved that this Bill be now read a first time,

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General then moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported,

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

The Attorney General moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

" An Act to indemnify all persons who have proclaimed or acted under the authority of Martial Law within a certain district in Victoria."

Question—put and passed.

13. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again, Friday, 2nd February, 1855.

14. PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTION BILL.—The Order of the day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported,—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

" An Act for promoting the public health in populous places in the Colony of Victoria."

Question—put and passed.

15. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 2nd February next.

16. MANAGEMENT OF TOWNS BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

" An Act to provide for the management of Towns and other places in Victoria."

Question—put and passed.

17. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, the first day of February, 1855:—

“*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”

Council adjourned at twenty-four minutes to seven o'clock, until three o'clock on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of January, 1855.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1855.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. NICHOLSON:** To move, That the “*Colonial Insurance Company Incorporation Bill*” be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **SLAUGHTER HOUSES REGULATION BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 33.
3. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 34.
4. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 35.
5. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 36.
6. **MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 37.
7. **MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 38.
8. **REGISTRATION OF DEEDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 39.
9. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 40.
10. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 41.
11. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 42.

THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1855.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 1st February.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 2nd February.

GEE LONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 50.

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURNS TO WRITS.—The Speaker announced that he had received a Return to a Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Ripon, Hampden, Grenville and Polwarth, in the place of John Thompson Charlton, Esq., resigned, from which return it appeared that Robert Williams Pohlman, Esq., had been duly elected a Member to serve in the place of the said John Thompson Charlton for the said Electoral District.
The Speaker also announced that he had received a Return to a Writ issued by him for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of the County of Grant, in the place of William Clark Haines, Esq., resigned, from which return it appeared that Horatio Spencer Wills, Esq., had been duly elected a member to serve in the place of the said William Clark Haines, for the said Electoral District.
The Speaker also announced that it having been established to his satisfaction that the seat of John Dane, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of South Bourke, Evelyn and Mornington, had become vacant by the resignation thereof by the said John Dane, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the said Electoral District.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
 - Revenue—Return to Address, adopted 15th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole.
 - Convictions under the Convicts Prevention Act—Return to Address, adopted 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass.
 - Public Pounds—Return to Address adopted 22nd November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass.
 - Receipts under Passenger Act—Return to Address adopted 18th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Horne.
 - Crown Lands—Correspondence—Return to Address adopted 16th November, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Haines.
 - Health Officer—Report from the Health Officer, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1854.
 - Corporation of Geelong—Return of Expenditure under 17 Vict., No. 23.
 - Return of Friendly Societies—Filed in pursuance of Acts of Council, 7 Vict., No. 10, and 11 Vict., No. 10.
 - Report of the Inspector General of Penal Establishments, for the year 1854.
 - Statistics of the Colony of Victoria, for the year 1853.
 - Government Botanist—Report from the Government Botanist of his journey to Omeo.
 - Electric Telegraph—Revised rules and regulations and scale of charges of the Electric Telegraph.
 - Melbourne Sewerage and Water Commission—Statement of receipts and expenditure to the 31st December, 1853.
 - Conveyance of Ship Letters—Correspondence respecting reduction of gratuities for conveyance of Ship Letters.
 - Dredging vessel and mud punts—Correspondence respecting additional expenditure.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council.
An account of the quantity of Tobacco destroyed for Sheepwashing and admitted to Home Consumption duty free from the commencement of the Act 17 Vict., No. 17 (8th April, 1854) to 31st December, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **NEW MEMBER.**—Robert Williams Pohlman, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the Table the following declaration, took his seat as member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Ripon, Hampden, Grenville and Polwarth.

“ I, ROBERT WILLIAMS POHLMAN, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the parish of Prahran, in the county of Bourke, being portion number forty-seven, bounded on the north by a road one chain wide, separating it from number thirty, containing fifty-five acres three roods and nineteen perches, bearing east thirteen chains fifty-six links, and on the east by a road one chain wide, separating it from portion number forty-eight, containing thirty-four acres two roods and twelve perches, bearing south twenty-six chains sixty links, on the south by a road one chain wide, separating it from portion number fifty-three, containing thirty acres two roods and ten perches, bearing west thirteen chains fifty-six links, and on the west by portion number forty-six, containing thirty-four acres two roods and twelve perches, bearing north twenty-six chains sixty links: 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 qualifying or enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

“ROBERT WILLIAMS POHLMAN.”

5. **PAPERS.**—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the following Plans, in further part return to Address of the Council in a previous Session:—

County of Bourke,
County of Polwarth,
County of Heytesbury,
County of Dalhousie,
County of Talbot.

Ordered to lie upon the Table.

6. **PETITION.**—Mr. Myles presented a Petition from the Chairman and Members of a Committee appointed by the inhabitants of Ashby, and the parishioners of Moorpanyal, landholders in the county of Grant, in the Colony of Victoria, whose properties are injuriously affected by the Geelong and Melbourne Railway, in opposition to the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill.

Petition received.

7. **COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.**—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Council divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. O'Brien,
Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
* Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes; 16.

Mr. Cole,
* Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Furlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

* Sic in orig.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday 2nd February inst.

8. **NEW MEMBER.**—Horatio Spencer Wills, Esq., was introduced, and having taken the Oath and handed to the Clerk at the table the following Declaration, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Grant.

"I, HORATIO SPENCER WILLS, 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 value of two thousand pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the county of Grant, parish of Moolap,—a farm in my own occupation: 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 qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.

"H. S. WILLS."

9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—On the Motion of the Attorney General the Council ordered the suspension of the Standing Orders so as allow two Bills to pass through their various stages this day.
10. **MASTERS AND SERVANTS ACTS RE-ENACTMENT BILL.**—The Attorney General having moved for, and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend certain Acts respecting the Law between Masters and Servants, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to re-enact three Acts passed in the ninth eleventh and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty respecting the law between Masters and Servants,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day.

11. **DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL.**—The Attorney General having moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the continuance of an Act to make provision for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors and refreshments in certain Districts, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to continue an Act intituled, 'An Act to make provision for the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors and of refreshments in certain Districts,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General the moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted such Report, and ordered that the Bill be read a third time after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day.

12. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 1st February next.

"*Slaughter-houses Regulation Bill.*"—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 33.

"*Registration of Deeds Law Amendment Bill.*"—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 39.

"*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill.*"—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 40.

14. **CUSTOMS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 34, having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Collector of Customs then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law for the Management of the Customs,*" be now read a first time.

Question put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 7th February next, and to be printed.

15. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL.**—The order of the day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 35, having been read, On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney-General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to make provision for the more speedy and certain enforcement of Forfeited Recognizances,*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Thursday the 8th day of February next, and to be printed.
16. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 36, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to prevent the further pollution of the Waters of the Yarra Yarra, and to abate the nuisances already existing,*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 7th day of February next, and to be printed.
17. **MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 37, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the establishment of Public Abattoirs in the City of Melbourne, and for preventing certain nuisances therein,'*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Friday the 2nd day of February next, and to be printed.
18. **MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 38, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for giving the like remedy on various mercantile instruments as is now used on Bills of Exchange,*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, 14th February next, and to be printed.
19. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 41, having been read,—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the Registration of duly qualified Medical Practitioners, and to prevent unauthorised persons from practising,*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 14th day of February next, and to be printed.
20. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 42, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law for the Management of Intestate Estates,*" be now read a first time. Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 14th day of February next, and to be printed.
21. **MASTER AND SERVANTS ACTS RE-ENACTMENT BILL.**—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*. The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
"An Act to re-enact three Acts passed in the ninth eleventh and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty respecting the law between Masters and Servants."
 Question—put and passed.
22. **DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL.**—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*. The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
"An Act to continue an Act intituled an Act to make provision for the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors and of refreshments in certain districts."
 Question—put and passed.
- Council adjourned at seven minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

 WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. FORLONGE: To ask the Colonial Secretary whether it be the intention of the Government to abolish the appointment of Police Magistrate at Warrnambool.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MYLES: To move, That the Petition of the Chairman and Committee appointed at a public meeting of the inhabitants of Geelong and parish of Moorpanyal be referred to the Select Committee appointed to report on a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act for the formation of a railway between Geelong and Melbourne.*"
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) Returns of the amounts of receipts from the sale of cattle unclaimed on the 31st of December last, specifying the amounts which had been lying unclaimed for the respective periods of two years, one year, six months, and three months.
 - (2.) Returns of the amounts claimed and paid in 1854 in respect of cattle which had been sold upwards of three months previous to claim being made.

 THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. SLAUGHTER HOUSES REGULATION BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 33.
3. REGISTRATION OF DEEDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 39.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 40.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council a Return of all new offices created in the Customs since January, in the year 1853, and by whom recommended.

 FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt within Victoria the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 15 Victoria, cap. 24, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Wills.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 31st January, 1855.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND, BELFAST, BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 1st February.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 2nd February.

GEE LONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 51.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
 “ *Master and Servants Acts re-enactment Bill.*”
 “ *District Licensing Act continuation Bill.*”
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

4. PROCEEDS FROM POUND SALES OF UNCLAIMED CATTLE.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) Returns of the amounts of receipts from the sale, under the Impounding Act, of cattle unclaimed on the 31st of December last, specifying the amounts which had been lying unclaimed for the respective periods of two years, one year, six months, and three months.
 - (2.) Returns of the amounts claimed and paid in 1854 in respect of cattle which had been sold under the above-mentioned Act upwards of three months previous to claim being made.

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at twelve minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. SLAUGHTER HOUSES REGULATION BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 33.
3. REGISTRATION OF DEEDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 39.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIÉTIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 40.
5. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HORNE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council a Return of all new offices created in the Customs since January, in the year 1853, and by whom recommended.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt within Victoria the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 15 Victoria, cap. 24, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Wills.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 1st February.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

*Friday, 2nd February.*GEE LONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.
PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 52.

 THURSDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolution of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—

Denominational School Board.—Adopted on the 15th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Campbell ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum of £10,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board as soon as the receipts of revenue would permit him to do so.

Return of Expenditure.—Adopted on the 15th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Return should be furnished and laid before the Legislative Council.

Revenue.—Adopted on the 15th December, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;

and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause these Returns of Revenue to be furnished for the information of the Legislative Council with all convenient despatch.
3. PAPERS.—The Auditor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council,

Abstracts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony of Victoria, and of the sums appropriated to meet the Services and Purposes specified in Schedule B, 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, and of the Expenditure of the same for the year 1853.

Ordered to be printed.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Harrison presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the north-western portion of the Town of Geelong and Suburbs of Ashby, praying the Council effectually to protect the rights of the Petitioners and of the rest of the Inhabitants of the north-west end of Geelong, in the matter set forth in the Petition, in relation to the "*Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill.*"

Petition received.
5. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Council divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Strachan,
Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General then moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Greeves moved that it be an instruction to the Committee to introduce a clause limiting the operation of the Bill for one year, and until the end of the then next Session of the Legislature.

Question—That it be an instruction to the Committee to introduce a clause limiting the operation of the Bill for one year, and until the end of the then next Session of the Legislature—put and negatived.

Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

6. **SLAUGHTER HOUSES REGULATION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 33, having been read—The Attorney General moved that the Bill accompanying this Message, intituled, "*A Bill for the better regulation of Slaughter Houses,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

7. **REGISTRATION OF DEEDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 39, having been read—The Attorney General moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relative to the registration of Deeds in the Supreme Court,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

8. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 40, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved, that the Bill accompanying such Message be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time. Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the 8th day of February instant, and to be printed.

9. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Snodgrass, on behalf of Mr. Horne, postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at twenty-seven minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to adopt within Victoria the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 15 Victoria, cap. 24, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Wills.*"
2. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That H. S. Wills, Esq., be appointed a member of the Select Committee upon the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Act Amendment Bill,*" in the place of W. C. Haines, Esq., resigned.
3. MR. F. MURPHY : To move, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and R. W. Pohlman, Esq., be appointed members of the Library Committee, in the place of the Chairman of General Sessions and W. C. Haines, Esq., resigned.
4. MR. HORNE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Return of all new offices created in the Customs since January, in the year 1853, and by whom recommended.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to order an immediate survey of the Barwon River at its junction with the sea at the Barwon Heads, and to obtain a report as to the practicability and probable expense of effectually closing that outlet, in order to the sweeping out by floods of the salt water from Lake Connewarra, and the eventual attainment of fresh water of the same, or, if possible, of greater depth.
2. MR. HARRISON : To ask for leave to bring in "*A Bill to provide for the appropriation of the Revenue accruing from Fines for Drunkenness.*"

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 2nd February.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 6th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 53.

FRIDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain Members of the Wesleyan Church and others residing in Pentridge and its neighbourhood, praying that the Bill to make provision for Public Education might receive the sanction of the Council and be passed into law.
Petition received.
Mr. Fyfe presented a Petition from John Mechosk, late of the Tarrengower Gold Field, in the Colony of Victoria, Gentleman, but now residing at Muckleford Creek in the said Colony, praying the Council would be graciously pleased to take into consideration the matters set forth in the Petition, and take such steps in the premises as to the Council might seem meet to enable the petitioner to prosecute his searches to the advantage of this Colony, and without personal sacrifice to himself.
Petition received.
Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from certain members and adherents of the Congregation of the Free Presbyterian Church in Victoria, at Ballaarat and its vicinity, praying the Council to pass the Bill to make provision for Public Education, that its provisions might have legal sanction and authority as to the Council might seem meet.
Petition received.
3. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—Mr. Greeves having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to adopt the Act of the Imperial Parliament to amend the Law relating to Wills, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for adopting a certain Act of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for the amendment of an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, An Act for the amendment of the Laws with respect to Wills,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Tuesday, 6th February instant, and to be printed.
4. GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL COMMITTEE.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That H. S. Wills, Esq., be appointed a member of the Select Committee upon the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Act amendment Bill,*" in the place of W. C. Haines, Esq., resigned.
Question—put and passed.
5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Francis Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and R. W. Pohlman, Esq., be appointed members of the Library Committee, in the place of the Chairman of General Sessions and W. C. Haines, Esq., resigned.
Question—put and passed.
6. CUSTOMS APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council, a Return of all new offices created in the Customs since January, in the year 1853, with dates of appointment, amount of salaries payable, with names of parties holding such offices and by whom recommended.
(2.) The number of dismissals (by way of reduction) of the numbers employed, with the parties' names, from the Customs from the 1st of October last, to the date of return.
Question—put and passed.

7. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, to be expended in the improving of the Town, and for Public Works in Warrnambool:—

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(1.) For the erection of Immigrants' Barracks	1,000
(2.) A Road or Tramway over the Sands from the Jetty	700
(3.) The erection of a Signal Staff	250
(4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum	1,000
(5.) Mechanics' Institute	800
(6.) Botanical Gardens	1,500
(7.) A Gaol	3,000

and such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that Town a County Court, having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 16th February instant

8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration, of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council, having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 2nd March next.

9. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 8th February inst.—Bill as amended to be printed.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 9th February instant:—

“Colonial Insurance Company Incorporation Bill”—To be further considered in Committee.

11. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 6th February—Bill as amended to be printed.

12. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 6th February instant.

Council adjourned at twenty-seven minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to order an immediate survey of the Barwon River at its junction with the sea at the Barwon Heads, and to obtain a report as to the practicability and probable expense of effectually closing that outlet, in order to the sweeping out by floods of the salt water from Lake Connemarra, and the eventual attainment of fresh water of the same, or, if possible, of greater depth.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move for leave to bring in *“A Bill to provide for the appropriation of the Revenue accruing from Fines for Drunkenness.”*

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—Second reading.
2. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.

General Business:—

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FYFE: To move, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of all correspondence that may have passed between the Government and the Collector of Customs at Geelong, relative to a Memorial presented by Mr. William Burrows to His Excellency, in favor of a license being granted for another Bonded Warehouse in Geelong.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 6th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

*Friday, 9th February.*GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.
PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.*Thursday, 15th February.*

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 54.

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from the Rev. Adam Cairns, Moderator of the Free Presbytery of Melbourne, praying the Council to take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and to establish by law a system of education which will secure the religious as well as the intellectual instruction of the youth of this Colony.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Melbourne and its vicinity, praying that the Licensing Act to be determined upon by the Legislature might be made by the Council in agreement with the Laws and Customs of England.
Petition received.
3. CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS, BELFAST, BILL.—Mr. Horne brought up the report from the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred.
Ordered to lie upon the Table.
4. SURVEY OF THE MOUTH OF THE BARWON.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to order an immediate survey of the Barwon River, at its junction with the sea at the Barwon Heads, and to obtain a report as to the practicability and probable expense of effectually closing that outlet, in order to the sweeping out by floods of the salt water from Lake Connemarra, and the eventual attainment of fresh water of the same, or, if possible, of greater depth.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACT, 1854, AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Harrison having, pursuant to amended notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Town and Country Police Act, 1854, presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Town and Country Police Act of 1854,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
(Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—to be read a second time Friday, 9th February instant, and to be printed.
6. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—Mr. Greeves moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee Tuesday, 13th February instant.
7. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz :—
Gauge of Railways in Australia.—Copy Correspondence with the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
Salary of Agent General.—Copy Correspondence with the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
North Australian Exploring Expedition.—Copy Correspondence relating to
Bank Returns.—General Abstract of the sworn Returns of the average Liabilities and Assets, and of the Capital and Profits of the undermentioned Banks, during the quarter ending 31st December, 1854 :—
Australasia.
Union of Australia.
New South Wales.
London Chartered Bank of Australia.
Victoria.
English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank.
Severally ordered to be printed.

8. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be a third time Thursday, 8th February instant.
9. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
Council adjourned at nineteen minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. McCULLOCH :—To ask the Attorney General, when the Government will be prepared to submit to the Council the Bill for amending the Melbourne and Geelong Corporation Loan Acts of last Session.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of all correspondence that may have passed between the Government and the Collector of Customs at Geelong, relative to a Memorial presented by Mr. William Burrows to His Excellency, in favor of a license being granted for another Bonded Warehouse in Geelong.
2. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Sargood be appointed Members of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the laws affecting the sale of spirituous liquors, in the room of Mr. Foster and Mr. Haines, resigned.
3. THE ACTING SOLICITOR GENERAL : To move for leave to bring in "*A Bill to facilitate proceedings by and against Incorporated Companies.*"
4. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the Petition presented by him to this Council on the 6th instant, from John Gill and others, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to consider the laws relating to spirituous liquors.
5. MR. FRANCIS MURPHY : To move, That the Honorable the Auditor General be added to the list of Members forming the Library Committee of the Council.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACT, 1854, AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS :—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
- (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
- (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
- (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
- (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
- (6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
- (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

CONTINGENT.

On Motion being made for the Council going into Committee upon the Estimates for 1855 and the Supplementary Estimates for 1854—

- MR. GREEVES : To move, That in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 8th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Friday, 9th February.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 55.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Amended Estimates for the year 1855.
Ordered to be printed and taken into consideration Wednesday, 14th February instant.
3. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Collector of Customs moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council ordered the Report to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day, be postponed until Friday, 9th February instant.
“*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
5. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Wednesday, 21st February instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
6. BONDED WAREHOUSE, GEELONG.—Mr. Fyfe moved pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council copies of all correspondence that may have passed between the Government and the Collector of Customs at Geelong, relative to a Memorial presented by Mr. William Burrows to His Excellency, in favor of a license being granted for another Bonded Warehouse in Geelong.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fawcner,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Cole,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Campbell, (*Teller.*)

7. SALE OF LIQUORS LAWS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Snodgrass moved pursuant to notice, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Sargood be appointed Members of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the laws affecting the sale of spirituous liquors, in the room of Mr. Foster and Mr. Haines, resigned.
Question—put and passed.
8. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—The Acting Solicitor General having pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate proceedings by and against Incorporated Companies, presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to facilitate proceedings by and against Incorporated Companies,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Friday, 16th February instant, and to be printed.
9. SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him to this Council on the 6th instant, from John Gill and others, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to consider the laws relating to spirituous liquors.
Question—put and passed.
10. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Francis Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Honorable the Auditor General be added to the list of Members forming the Library Committee of the Council.
Question—put and passed.
- Council adjourned at seventeen minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council a Return shewing the amount paid into the credit of the Police Reward Fund, the sums expended, to whom paid, and for what services, from the establishment of the fund to the 1st January, 1855.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACT, 1854, AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855—To be considered.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS :—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
- (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
- (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
- (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
- (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
- (6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
- (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

CONTINGENT.

On Motion being made for the Council going into Committee upon the Estimates for 1855 and the Supplementary Estimates for 1854—

- MR. GREEVES : To move, That in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 8th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Friday, 9th February.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 56.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from the Clergyman and certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, resident in the ecclesiastical parish of Saint John, Melbourne, praying that the "*Bill to make Provision for Public Education*" might be passed into law.
Petition received.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

ACTS OF COUNCIL—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Lieutenant Governor.**Message No 43.*

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 76, sec. 33, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated (in a despatch dated 4th November, 1854, No. 36), that Her Majesty has been pleased to allow and confirm the Acts of Council of this Colony passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, of which the numbers and titles are stated in the annexed list.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed.

ACT OF COUNCIL.—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Lieutenant Governor.**Message No. 44.*

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 76, sec. 33, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated (in a despatch dated 9th September, 1854, No. 24), that Her Majesty has been pleased to allow and confirm the Act of Council of this Colony passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, viz.:—

No. 4. "*An Act for the better management of the Gold Fields in the Colony of Victoria.*"

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 8th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the other Orders for to-day :—
 - "*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.*"
 - "*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*"
 - "*Friendly Societies' Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*"
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Wednesday, 14th February inst.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

6. MELBOURNE ABATTOIRS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title to the Bill :—

“ *An Act to amend an Act intituled, ‘ An Act to provide for the establishment of
“ ‘ Public Abattoirs in the City of Melbourne, and for preventing certain
“ ‘ nuisances therein.’ ”*

Question—put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed, as under :—

“ *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report* ”—until Thursday, 22nd February instant.

“ *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading ;* ” and

“ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading* ”—until Tuesday, 13th February instant.

8. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

9. POLICE REWARD FUND.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council a Return shewing the amount paid into the credit of the Police Reward Fund, the sums expended, to whom paid, and for what services, from the establishment of the fund to the 1st January, 1855.

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at seven minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS' OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether there is any reason why persons who buy land from the Government should not get their deeds of grant in regular order as they purchase.
(2.) Can the Government act upon the rule of issuing all deeds of grant for purchased land within a certain number of days or weeks after the full purchase-money has been paid.
2. MR. SMITH : To ask the Honorable the Collector of Customs when the Returns agreed to by this House in October last, on the subject of National Education, are likely to be furnished.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SMITH : To move for leave to introduce “ *A Bill to facilitate the delivery of passengers' luggage and tools of trade from Immigrant Ships arriving in the Colony of Victoria from the United Kingdom or Foreign Ports.* ”

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACT, 1854, AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return shewing the number of letters received and despatched from the Post Offices of Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, and Port Albert during the years 1853 and 1854, foreign and inland letters respectively ; the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office during the same period.
(2.) A Return of all mail contracts entered into by the Government for the present year, shewing each contract as it refers to the conveyance of the mails between the respective Post Offices throughout the Colony, and the estimated cost of maintaining the same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855.—To be considered.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS :—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
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WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

CONTINGENT.

On Motion being made for the Council going into Committee upon the Estimates for 1855 and the Supplementary Estimates for 1854—

- MR. GREEVES: To move, That in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 9th February.

GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL—at 11 o'clock.
PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 14th February.

LIBRARY—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 57.

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from Alexander Walker praying that he might be heard at the Bar of this Council against the provisions of the "*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill.*"
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from Jesse Fairchild, James Thompson, and Frederick Rowe, woollscourers and fellmongers, carrying on business on the banks of the river Yarra, near the City of Melbourne, praying for leave to appear by Counsel at the Bar of the Council in the matter set forth in the Petition.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from Richard Evans Hill, of Flinders-street, Melbourne, praying an enquiry into the case set forth in the Petition, with a view to its thorough investigation, and to set at rest all doubts or uncertainties as to the validity of Sales and Conveyances of Crown Lands in this Colony.
Petition received.
The Surveyor General presented a Memorial from the Members of the Philosophical Society of Victoria, in general meeting assembled, requesting the support of the Council in the furtherance of the object set forth in the Petition.
Petition received.
3. IMMIGRANTS LUGGAGE BILL.—Mr. Smith having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the delivery of Passengers' Luggage and Tools of Trade from Immigrant Ships, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to facilitate the delivery of Passengers' Luggage and Tools of Trade from Immigrant Ships arriving in the Colony of Victoria from the United Kingdom or Foreign Ports,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Friday, 16th February instant, and to be printed.
4. COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
The Blue Book for the Year 1853.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACT, 1854, AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Harrison moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Harrison, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day six months.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed, as under :—
"*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading*"—until Wednesday, 14th February instant; and
"*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*" until Tuesday, 13th February instant, to take precedence of other Orders of the day.
8. LIQUORS' SALE LAWS COMMITTEE.—The Council having ordered that Standing Order No. 18, be suspended—The Attorney General moved that the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Laws relating to the sale of Liquors have leave to sit on Monday next.
Question—put and passed.
Council adjourned at twenty-four minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return shewing the number of letters received and despatched from the Post Offices of Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, and Port Albert during the years 1853 and 1854, foreign and inland letters respectively; the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office during the same period.
 - (2.) A Return of all mail contracts entered into by the Government for the present year, shewing each contract as it refers to the conveyance of the mails between the respective Post Offices throughout the Colony, and the estimated cost of maintaining the same.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant from Richard Evans Hill, be printed.
3. THE SURVEYOR GENERAL: To move, That the Petition presented by him from the Members of the Philosophical Society of Melbourne, on the 9th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Second reading.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855—To be considered.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SNODGRASS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers and sailors who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Second reading.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

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 - (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
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- (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

CONTINGENT.

On Motion being made for the Council going into Committee upon the Estimates for 1855 and the Supplementary Estimates for 1854—

- MR. GREEVES: To move, That in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Monday, 12th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th February.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 14th February.

LIBRARY—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from certain Brickmakers resident in the parish of Dousta Galla, Flemington, praying that in justice, and in compliance with the understanding made in the year 1849, certain parties referred to in the Petition be forthwith ejected from the Crown Lands and prevented from making bricks within the City Boundary.
Petition received.
3. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to
"The Melbourne Abattoirs' Act Amendment Bill."
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. O'Shanassy, on behalf of Mr. Strachan, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Strachan, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day until to-morrow.
5. SALES AND CONVEYANCES OF CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant from Richard Evans Hill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, MELBOURNE.—The Surveyor General moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him from the Members of the Philosophical Society of Melbourne, on the 9th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday 15th instant—Bill as amended to be printed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed, as under :—
"Wills Law Adoption Bill—To be considered in Committee"—until Tuesday, 20th February instant; and
"Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading;" and
"Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading"—until Thursday, 16th February instant.

Council adjourned at ten minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

 WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855—To be considered.
2. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Second reading.
3. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

1. MR. WILKINSON : To ask the Colonial Secretary if certain of the settlers in the vicinity of Pentridge have contributed money and labor in aiding the Government to erect the bridge across the Merri Creek at that township. Whether the work has been stopped, and the reason why, if such stoppage has taken place. Is it intended by the Government to proceed with the work.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return shewing the number of letters received and despatched from the Post Offices of Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, and Port Albert during the years 1853 and 1854, foreign and inland letters respectively ; the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office during the same period.
- (2.) A Return of all mail contracts entered into by the Government for the present year, shewing each contract as it refers to the conveyance of the mails between the respective Post Offices throughout the Colony, and the estimated cost of maintaining the same.

 THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

 FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers and sailors who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.
2. MR. GOODMAN : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House such a detailed account of the expenditure at Toorak already incurred or to be incurred, as may be necessary for the information of the Council.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Second reading.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Second reading.

 TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS :—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
- (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
- (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.

- (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
- (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
- (6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
- (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

CONTINGENT.

On Motion being made for the Council going into Committee upon the Estimates for 1855 and the Supplementary Estimates for 1854—

- MR. GREEVES: To move, That in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 14th February.

LIBRARY—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 59.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from Peter Nettleton, of East Collingwood, Fellmonger, praying that in the event of "*The River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill*" passing into a Law, the Council will award him such compensation as the circumstances of the case set forth in the Petition so loudly called for.

Petition received.

Mr. Annand presented a Petition from certain Tanners and Curriers having establishments for carrying on their trade and business on the banks of the River Yarra Yarra, praying the Council would take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration; and either refuse to allow "*The Yarra River Pollution Prevention Bill*" to pass, or grant to the Petitioners full and ample compensation for the injury they will sustain, and the loss that will accrue to them by the passing of the said Act.

Petition received.

3. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the amended Estimates for the year 1855 having been read—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That, in considering the Estimates for 1855, and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Committee be instructed to take the various items thereof in the order in which they are laid on the Table of the House, unless one day's notice at least to the contrary be given.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided

Ayes, 8.
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Auditor General,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Ross,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Attorney General,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Goodman,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the amended Estimates for 1855.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the amended Estimates for 1855.

The Chairman reported that a point of order had arisen in Committee as to the rising of the Chairman at six o'clock, in accordance with an understanding agreed upon by the Council at the beginning of the present Session.

The Speaker having ruled that the Chairman should have left the Chair in accordance with such understanding, in which ruling the Council acquiesced, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855.

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

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Francis Murphy, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 17 be suspended.
5. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Wednesday, 28th February instant—Bill as amended to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Friday, 16th February instant.
“*Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading.*”
“*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
“*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
7. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow—Bill as amended to be printed.
8. POST OFFICE.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the Council a Return shewing the number of letters received and despatched from the Post Offices of Melbourne, Geelong, Portland, Belfast, Warrnambool, and Port Albert during the years 1853 and 1854, foreign and inland letters respectively; the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office during the same period.
(2.) A Return of all mail contracts entered into by the Government for the present year, shewing each contract as it refers to the conveyance of the mails between the respective Post Offices throughout the Colony, and the estimated cost of maintaining the same.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at twenty-eight minutes past eight o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, upon the re-committal of the “*Prevention of Disturbances Bill*,” That the first three clauses be struck out, with a view to the insertion of clauses to the following effect :—That whenever any property shall be destroyed by any riotous assemblage, the owner of such property may make a representation to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the circumstances under which the property was destroyed; His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor may thereupon appoint a Commission to enquire into and report upon the extent of damage done, and into the origin and progress of the riot, and the measures taken for its suppression, and shall cause to be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council the Report of the Commission, together with a Bill for awarding compensation to the sufferers, and providing for raising, by assessment upon the district, of the whole or part of the damages and expenses incurred.

2. MR. FRANCIS MURPHY: To move, That the understanding agreed upon at the commencement of the present Session as to the Chairman of Committees leaving the Chair at six o'clock on days upon which Government Business has precedence, be no longer acted upon.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SNODGRASS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers and sailors who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.
2. MR. GOODMAN: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House such a detailed account of the expenditure at Toorak already incurred or to be incurred, as may be necessary for the information of the Council.
3. MR. TAYLOR: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £1,400, in order that the suspended mail communication between Lexton and Horsham, also between Melbourne and Bulla Bulla, may be re-established.
4. MR. MOLLISON (as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to manage the affairs of the Council Club): To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £400 towards defraying the annual expenses of servants of that establishment, in accordance with the practice in Great Britain and in one of the neighbouring Colonies.
5. MR. FAWKNER: To move, For leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria,'*"—No. 29, 17 Vict.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Second reading.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
5. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLS:—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
 - (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
 - (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
 - (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
 - (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
 - (6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
 - (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
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THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
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WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Adoption of Report.
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FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 15th February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 16th February.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 60.

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION.—The Council ordered that the consideration of all the Orders of the Day, and the 1st Motion on the Notice Paper for to-day, be postponed until after the consideration of the 2nd Notice of Motion for to-day.
Question—put and passed.
 3. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Francis Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, that the understanding agreed upon at the commencement of the present Session as to the Chairman of Committees leaving the Chair at six o'clock on days upon which Government Business has precedence, be no longer acted upon.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 4. AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the amended Estimates for the year 1855 having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 5. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—the Attorney General moved, “*that*” the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Harrison moved as an amendment, That all the words after the word “*that*” be omitted with a view to insert in their place the words “the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon the ‘*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill*’ be postponed until this day week.”
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed.
Question—That the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council, upon the “*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill*,” be postponed until this day week—put and passed.
 6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 20th February instant.
“*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.*”
“*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
 7. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill—Amendments agreed to—Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 20th February instant.
- Council adjourned at twenty-seven minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

1. MR. COLE: To ask the Colonial Secretary whether any measures have been taken relative to the establishment of a Seamen's Hospital at Williamstown, in accordance with the resolution of this House on 10th April last, and His Excellency's reply thereto on the 11th April, that he would take measures to carry out the recommendation of the Council; and also whether any provision is made for the support of the same under the Act of Council passed last Session, No. 18.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SNOODGRASS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers and sailors who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.
2. MR. GOODMAN: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House such a detailed account of the expenditure at Toorak already incurred or to be incurred, as may be necessary for the information of the Council.
3. MR. TAYLOR: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £1,400, in order that the suspended mail communication between Lexton and Horsham, also between Melbourne and Bulla Bulla, may be re-established.
4. MR. MOLLISON (as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to manage the affairs of the Council Club): To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £400 towards defraying the annual expenses of servants of that establishment, in accordance with the practice in Great Britain and in one of the neighbouring Colonies.
5. MR. FAWKNER: To move, For leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act ' ' for the making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria,'*"—No. 29, 17 Vict.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Second reading.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
5. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
7. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS :—To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
- (2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
- (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
- (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
- (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
- (6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
- (7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

2. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That a Petition from 221 residents of Kyneton and its vicinity, presented by him on the 31st October last, and ordered to be printed, be taken into consideration in connection with the Police Estimates, when the House goes into Committee of the whole on those Estimates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 16th February.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st February.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 61.

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of this Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz :—
 - Proceeds from Pound Sales of Unclaimed Cattle.—Adopted on the 31st January, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be furnished and laid before the Legislative Council.
 - Customs' Appointments.—Adopted on the 2nd February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Horne ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Returns requested should be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council as soon as they could be prepared.
 - Survey of the Mouth of the Barwon.—Adopted on the 6th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Wills ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he had directed the requisite Survey and Report to be made.
 - Police Reward Fund.—Adopted on the 8th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Strachan ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause this Return to be prepared and laid before the Legislative Council.
3. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper, viz :—
 - Board of National Education—Expenditure.—Return to Address, Mr. Smith, 31st October, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PATRIOTIC FUND.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers and sailors who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported to the Council that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, sailors, and marines who may have fallen or who may fall in the the present war—the Council adopted such report, and ordered the Address to be presented accordingly.

5. **EXPENDITURE AT TOORAK.**—Mr. Goodman moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House such a detailed account of the expenditure at Toorak already incurred or to be incurred, as may be necessary for the information of the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. **MAIL COMMUNICATION.**—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £1400, in order that the suspended mail communication between Lexton and Horsham, also between Melbourne and Bulla Bulla, may be re-established.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £1400, or so much as may be necessary, in order that the suspended mail communication between Lexton and Horsham, also between Melbourne and Bulla Bulla, may be re-established—the Council adopted such report, and ordered the Address to be presented accordingly.

7. **COUNCIL CLUB.**—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £400 towards defraying the annual expenses of servants of the Council Club, in accordance with the practice in Great Britain and in one of the neighbouring Colonies.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that he will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £400 towards defraying the annual expenses of servants of the Council Club, in accordance with the practice in Great Britain and in one of the neighbouring Colonies—the Council adopted such report, and ordered the Address to be presented accordingly.

8. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Fawcner having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Roads Act, brought in a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act for the making and improving Roads 'in the Colony of Victoria,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 23rd February instant.

9. **GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WARRNAMBOOL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, to be expended in the improving of the Town, and for Public Works in Warrnambool :—

	£
(1.) For the erection of Immigrants' Barracks	1,000
(2.) A Road or Tramway over the Sands from the Jetty	700
(3.) The erection of a Signal Staff	250
(4.) Towards a Benevolent Asylum	1,000
(5.) Mechanics' Institute	800
(6.) Botanical Gardens	1,500
(7.) A Gaol	3,000

and such sum as shall be necessary for the establishing in that Town a County Court, having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

10. **INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.**—The Acting Solicitor General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Acting Solicitor General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 20th February instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.

11. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL.—Mr. Smith moved that this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Smith, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 23rd February instant.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 20th February instant :—
“ *Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading.*”
“ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
“ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
“ *Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee.*”
- Council adjourned at four minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, (1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
(2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.
(3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
(4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not exceeding eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
(5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
(6.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
(7.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
2. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That a Petition from 221 residents of Kyneton and its vicinity, presented by him on the 31st October last, and ordered to be printed, be taken into consideration in connection with the Police Estimates, when the House goes into Committee of the whole on those Estimates.
3. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £100,000 for the erection of works to convey water into the Town of Geelong.
4. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855, the sum of £25,000 for the extension of Wharves in Geelong.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
5. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
7. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
9. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong, in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

MEETINGS

or

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 20th February.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st February.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 62.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had received a Return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of South Bourke, Evelyn and Mornington, in the place of John Dane, Esq., resigned, by which it appeared that Henry Samuel Chapman, Esq., had been duly elected Member to serve in the place of the said John Dane for the said Electoral District.
Henry Samuel Chapman, Esq., was then introduced, and having taken the oath and handed to the Clerk at the Table the following declaration, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of South Bourke, Evelyn and Mornington.
“ I, HENRY SAMUEL CHAPMAN 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 yearly value of one hundred pounds, sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same: And further that the lands or tenements out of which such qualification arises are situate in the city of Melbourne, and consists of all those two houses tenements and premises, with the land and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate and being in a street or way leading out of Little Collins-street east, on the southern side, being lots Nos. 5 and 6 of allotment No. 4 of section 11, town of Melbourne: And I further declare that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria.
“ H. S. CHAPMAN.”
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from certain Auctioneers carrying on business in Melbourne, praying the Council to hear them by counsel at the bar of the House in reference to the “ *Bill for the better regulation of Sales by Auction and Auctioneers,*” and that a day might be appointed for that purpose; or that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of this House.
Petition received.
Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from the Pharmaceutical Chemists, Chemists and Druggists, and Dispensing Chemists of Geelong, praying the Council that the “ *Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill*” in its present state should not pass into law, or that it should be so modified, by the withdrawal of clauses 15 and 19, as to confine its operation to its ostensible object, viz., the registration of Medical Practitioners.
Petition received.
Mr. Miller presented a Memorial from certain Proprietors and Others interested in the working of Puddling Machines erected in the District of Castlemaine, praying the Council to cause such Laws to be made as would effectually bar in future all interference with the rights of capital and labor.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council:—
Proceeds from Pound Sales of Unclaimed Cattle.—Return to Address, adopted 31st January, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison.
Ordered to be printed.
5. LEASING OF CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House it is of moment to the present advantage and future prospects of this Province that agricultural operations be carried on with prompt industry.
(2.) That Crown Lands of great extent, adapted for the plough, exist in those portions of the Province known as the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts.

- (3.) That the system now pursued in the disposal of Crown Lands in certain localities therein is opposed generally to the prosperity and happiness of the people, and directly to the financial interests of the country.
- (4.) That to insure the speedy occupation and cultivation of land fit for agricultural purposes, and the full value thereof to the Crown (due regard being paid to reserves where necessary for the preservation of winter rains, and also strict reservation of the rights of the Crown where minerals may be supposed to exist), allotments, in situations at the option of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, not less than eighty acres each, should be open to selection by persons intending to become *bona fide* occupiers thereof, on payment of twenty-five per cent. of a valuation in no case less than one pound per acre.
- (5.) That the balance of purchase money due on each selection be payable in equal instalments in two and three years respectively, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum.
- (6.) That with a view to insure the cultivation of the land so selected, the occupier should be entitled to the use for grazing purposes of an equal quantity of the land adjoining for the term of three years, at a nominal rental, and at the termination of that period, provided he has then under cultivation not less than three-fourths of his original purchase, be entitled to purchase the second quantity of land on the same terms, or if of less value, at a price according thereto.
- (7.) That nothing contained in the foregoing resolutions shall be construed to interfere with the right of the Executive to the disposal of Crown Lands under the system now in force, in such places as to them may seem advantageous to the general interest of the country.
- (8.) That these resolutions be embodied in an Address and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Debate ensued.

The Colonial Secretary moved "The previous question."

6. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—

RAILWAYS.

CHARLES HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 45.

Believing that the time has arrived when every effort should be made to develop the resources of this Colony, the Lieutenant Governor again invites the attention of the Council to the consideration of a system by which Railways might generally be undertaken.

The Lieutenant Governor would recommend—

- 1st. That no scheme should be entertained which does not provide for the eventual liquidation of the loan.
- 2nd. That no greater extent of lines should be undertaken than will hold out a prospect of becoming remunerative, and defraying an interest guaranteed by the State.
- 3rd. That lines should be determined upon, with reference as much to the probable future wants of the Colony as to its immediate requirements.

The Lieutenant Governor has already submitted for the consideration of the Council the mode through which the capital might eventually be paid off: he proposed to reserve the land on each side of the Railway, and by increasing the width of the reserves as they recede from the sites of the larger townships, an ample fund might be raised to pay off the borrowed capital in twenty-one years. He would suggest that the same rule should be followed in more distant parts of the Colony; for, although lines of Railway may not be immediately required in those parts, yet they should be marked out, and the land adjoining retained, as a fund for their construction.

Having thus dealt with the capital, the Lieutenant Governor is desirous of alluding to the manner in which he considers the interest should be defrayed until the period when the Railway would become self-supporting.

It is needless to say, that unless some immediate means of paying interest are devised it will be difficult to effect a loan, except at an exorbitant rate, and therefore it becomes a subject for consideration, whether the General Revenue should not be charged with the amount, and if so, to what extent it may be depended upon.

The Lieutenant Governor does not think it necessary to enter minutely into this portion of the plan; but he would suggest that a sum of £200,000 might be made a charge upon the vote for internal communication; and if the Council should deem it consistent with prudence, in consideration of the immense benefit which the community would derive, to raise by taxation another £100,000, a fund would be secured, for the payment of the guaranteed interest, equal to £300,000 per annum; and to that extent alone the Lieutenant Governor believes it would be advisable to charge the annual general revenue for interest.

At the same time it must be borne in mind that, as the railways progress and become remunerative, so a portion of this money would become released, and available for the construction of other lines, or the extension of those which might be in operation.

With a view of early attaining the advantage of railway transport, the Lieutenant Governor would suggest that single lines should in the first instance be constructed, and that upon the completion of each section or line, tenders for its lease for a term of years should be invited. Finally, he recommends, that the loans required for the purpose should be contracted in London, by public tender, dating from a period not earlier than the 1st of January, 1856, and that the leading firms employed in railway enterprise should be invited to tender for the works.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed and taken into consideration Tuesday, 27th February, 1855.

COMPENSATION TO OFFICERS ON REDUCTIONS IN DEPARTMENTS.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 46.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor desires to bring under the notice of the Legislative Council the claims of the Officers who have been relieved from the Government Service, in consequence of the reductions made in the various departments. He considers that as these gentlemen were removed at a very short notice, not from any fault of their own, but merely because the exigencies of the public service imperatively required it, their cases are entitled to the favorable consideration of the Legislative Council.

The Lieutenant Governor therefore places on the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £12,000, to be appropriated in paying three months' salary to each of these officers computed on the scale of 1854.

Should any of these Officers again enter the Government Service before the expiration of three months from the date of their loss of office, they will be called upon to refund a proportionate part of the three months' salary awarded to them.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed and taken into consideration Tuesday, 27th February, 1855.

RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 47.

Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor desires to lay before the Council the circumstances under which Mr. John L. Foster resigned the office of Colonial Secretary.

Believing that public opinion was unfavorable, and that his retirement might be beneficial to the Colony, he voluntarily tendered his resignation.

Mr. Foster stated that his resignation would involve a heavy pecuniary sacrifice in the loss of the pension to which he would have become entitled under the New Constitution.

Withholding the expression of any opinion as to the policy pursued previous to his assumption of the Government, the Lieutenant Governor willingly bears his testimony to the assiduity and zeal with which the late Colonial Secretary discharged the duties of his office, and having consulted the Executive Council as to the amount, he now recommends the appropriation of a sum equivalent to two years' salary, as compensation.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed and taken into consideration Tuesday, 27th February, 1855.

MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 48.

Lieutenant Governor.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Vict., cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill to amend an Act intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen,
“ Councillors and Citizens of the City of Melbourne to raise a sum or sums
“ of money not exceeding five hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and
“ for further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof.’ ”

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Thursday, 22nd February instant.

GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 49.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

" A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and for further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof.' "

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 20th February, 1855.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Thursday, 22nd November next.

7. LEASING OF CROWN LANDS.—The Debate on this question—interrupted by the delivery of the above Messages—resumed.
Question—That this question be now put—put and negatived.
8. POLICE ESTIMATES.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That a Petition from 221 residents of Kyneton and its vicinity, presented by him on the 31st October last, and ordered to be printed, be taken into consideration in connection with the Police Estimates, when the House goes into Committee of the whole on those Estimates.
Question—put and passed.
9. WATERWORKS, GEELONG.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855, the sum of £100,000 for the erection of works to convey water into the Town of Geelong.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
10. WHARF EXTENSION, GEELONG.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the extension of Wharves in Geelong.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
11. WILLS' LAW ADOPTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the 8th Order of the Day :—
" Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading."
" Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading."
" Auction Sales Regulation Bill—Third reading."
13. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—The Acting Solicitor General moved that the amendments made in this Bill in Committee be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill ordered to be read a third time Friday, 23rd February instant.
14. POSTPONEMENTS OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
" Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading"—until Thursday, 22nd February instant, and
" Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading."
" River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading."
" Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading."
" Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading," and
" Auction Sales Regulation Bill—Third reading"—until Friday, 23rd February instant.

15. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855 in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

16. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—

Amended Supplementary Estimates for the Year 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned at thirteen minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. J. MURPHY : To ask the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to appoint another Judge of the County Court, or to divide the business into District and Town Jurisdiction, the same as the Police business is divided.
2. MR. O'SHANASSY : To ask the Colonial Secretary if it is the intention of the Government to issue Licenses for Brickmaking on Crown Land within the City Boundary for the year 1855, or if the holders of licenses for 1854 will get their licenses renewed.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That Mr. Wills and Mr. Fyfe be appointed Members of the Select Committee for managing the affairs of the Council Club.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 48.
4. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 49.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong, in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—Third reading.
4. INTSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. COMPENSATION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ON REDUCTIONS IN DEPARTMENTS.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 46.
3. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st February.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 63.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855 in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

LOAN BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message, No. 50.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the Statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ *A Bill to authorize the raising of money by Debentures for certain Public Works.* ”

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 21st February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS—ORDER IN COUNCIL.

- CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message, No. 51.**Lieutenant Governor.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a copy of an Order in Council relating to the occupation of Crown Lands, which he has received in a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, No. 40, of the 22nd November, 1854.

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 21st February, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Enclosure.

4. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The above Messages having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 27th February instant :—
“ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.—Adoption of Report.* ”
6. COUNCIL CLUB.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, that Mr. Wills and Mr. Fyfe be appointed members of the Select Committee for managing the affairs of the Council Club.
Question—put and passed.
7. WILLS LAW ADOPTION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Acting Solicitor General, read a third time and passed.
The Acting Solicitor General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act for adopting a certain Act of Parliament intituled, ‘ An Act for the amendment of an Act passed in the first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, An Act for the amendment of the Laws with respect to Wills.’* ”
Question—put and passed.
Council adjourned at two minutes to seven o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 48.
5. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 49.
6. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
7. LOAN BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 50.

General Business :—

1. MR. WILLS : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether it is or is not the intention of the Government to provide water by dam or otherwise for the Township of Portarlington.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong, in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—Third reading.
4. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
2. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. COMPENSATION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ON REDUCTIONS IN DEPARTMENTS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 46.
3. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
4. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business:—

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the sums expended by the Government on Roads and Bridges in and within a distance of five miles of the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong respectively.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 22nd February.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th February.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 64.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain persons employed at the Stafford Tannery, Richmond, on the banks of the Yarra, praying the Council would consider their plea as set forth in the Petition for the unmolested continuation of their business.
Petition received.
3. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Customs Department—Account of Seizures and Fines for the year 1854.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council.
Return of Expenditure—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Cole, 15th December, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Memorial from W. M. Turnbull, President of the Victoria Medical Association, praying the Council would give the subject of the Memorial favorable consideration.
Petition received.
5. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration, in Committee of the whole Council, of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENTS OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*” and
“ *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Adoption of Report;*” until Thursday, 1st March next; and
“ *Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading;*” until Wednesday, 28th February instant.
7. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message No. 48, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Attorney General then moved, That the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled,
“ *A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding five hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and for further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof;’*” be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 28th day of February instant, and to be printed.

8. **GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 49, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act, to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and for further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof.'*"

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday, the 28th day of February instant, and to be printed.

9. **LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 50, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Message was read by the Clerk.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of Money by Debentures for certain Public Works,*" be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time on Thursday, the first day of March next, and to be printed.

Council adjourned at nineteen minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

1. **MR. O'SHANASSY:** To ask the Colonial Secretary if the Colonial Government have received recently any communication from the Imperial Government in reference to the New Constitution.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. FYFE:** To move, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.
2. **MR. HARRISON:** To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong, in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.
3. **MR. STRACHAN:** To move, That the Petition presented by him from several Chemists and Druggists of Geelong, praying that clauses XV and XIX be struck out from the "*Qualified Medical Practitioners' Bill,*" be taken into consideration when the Bill is in Committee.
4. **MR. JAMES MURPHY:** To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.
5. **MR. MYLES:** To move, That Mr. Harrison be appointed a member of the Committee on the "*Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act amendment Bill,*" in the room of Mr. Haines, resigned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
2. **IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL.**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.**—Third reading.
4. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
5. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.**—Second reading.
6. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
7. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—Second reading.
8. **AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.**—Third reading.
9. **ESTIMATES FOR 1855.**—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
2. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
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3. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
4. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the sums expended by the Government on Roads and Bridges in and within a distance of five miles of the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong respectively.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. LOAN BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th February.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 65.

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to
“The Wills Law Adoption Bill.”
3. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of this Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz.:—
 - Post Office.—Adopted on the 14th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Strachan ; and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be furnished for the information of the Legislative Council.
 - Patriotic Fund.—Adopted on the 16th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass ; and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state he would comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council, by placing the sum proposed upon the Estimates for 1855.
 - Expenditure at Toorak.—Adopted on the 16th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Goodman ; and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the request of the Legislative Council should be complied with.
 - Mail Communication.—Adopted on the 16th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Taylor ; and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause such sum as should be necessary for the purpose to be placed on the Estimates in accordance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
 - Council Club.—Adopted on the 16th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Mollison and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would comply with the request of the Council.
4. PETITION.—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from Andrew Rose Cruikshank, President of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying the Council would reject the *“Immigrants’ Luggage Bill,”* upon the grounds set forth in the Petition.
 Petition received.
5. PAPERS.—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Valuation of Crown Lands applied for under Pre-emptive Right.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Highbett, 1st December, 1854.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. GEELONG MECHANICS’ INSTITUTION.—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to notice, That this Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics’ Institution at Geelong.
 Question—put and passed.
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
 The Speaker resumed the Chair.

7. **GEELONG ORPHAN ASYLUM.**—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong, in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him from several Chemists and Druggists of Geelong, praying that clauses XV and XIX be struck out from the "*Qualified Medical Practitioners Bill*," be taken into consideration when the Bill is in Committee.
Question—put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. James Murphy postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 4, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 27th February instant.
10. **GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Myles moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Harrison be appointed a member of the Committee on the "*Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill*," in the room of Mr. Haines, resigned.
Question—put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
" *Roads Act Amendment Bill—Second reading*," until after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day ; and
" *Immigrants' Luggage Bill—To be further considered in Committee* ;"
" *Incorporated Companies Suits Bill—Third reading* ;"
" *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading* ;"
" *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading* ;"
" *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading* ;"
" *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading* ;" and
" *Auction Sales Regulation Bill—Third reading*," until Tuesday, 27th February instant.
12. **ESTIMATES FOR 1855.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855, having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 27th February instant.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 27th February instant :—
" *Roads Act Amendment Bill.—Second reading.*"
14. **PAPERS.**—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
Public Works—Return to Address.—Adopted 12th October, 1854, on the motion of Mr. Haines.
Ordered to be printed.
" *Elective Franchise Extension Act*"—Copy Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with Enclosure, as to postponement of Her Majesty's Assent.
On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy the Despatch and Enclosure were read by the Clerk.
Ordered to be printed.
Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. COLE :** To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
(1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
(2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.

- (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
- (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
- (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
2. MR. COLE: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.
3. MR. HARRISON: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the revenue collected under authority of the various Acts containing special appropriation clauses, and of the expenditure and distribution of the same.
4. MR. HARRISON: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of the number of letters without stamps, or with insufficient stamps, posted during the month of January last, and of the way in which such letters have been disposed of.
5. MR. SNODGRASS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House—
- (1.) A copy of the agreement entered into with the members of the Police Force who have engaged for a lengthened period of service.
 - (2.) The number of tenders called for during the last year for the erection and repair of buildings, &c., for the Police Dépôt.
 - (3.) The number of contracts entered into (if any), with the names of the contractors, for which no tenders were called during the same period.
 - (4.) The amount expended in the erection and repairs of buildings, &c., at Richmond Barracks.
 - (5.) A detailed account of the whole amount expended in the erection or repair of buildings, &c., in connection with the Police Force.
 - (6.) The number and description of Officers in the Police Department that have been reduced.
 - (7.) The names of the Officers reduced, the length of their service, and their relative rank when in the Force, with those who now retain their appointments.
 - (8.) The boundaries and extent of district under the supervision of the twelve Inspectors named in the amended Estimates, and a detailed account of the distribution of the Police Force with reference to each Inspector's district.
 - (9.) The duty performed by the Mounted Police Force at each station. The number of cases under the Veterinary Surgeon's charge for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1854.
 - (10.) The amount of work performed by the mechanics enumerated in the Estimates.
6. MR. FORLONGE: To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to amend An Act intituled 'An Act for preventing the extension of the disease called Scab in Sheep.'*"
7. MR. JAMES MURPHY: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.

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5. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—Third reading.
7. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
9. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
12. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
13. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the sums expended by the Government on Roads and Bridges in and within a distance of five miles of the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong respectively.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. LOAN BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th February.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at half-past 10 o'clock.

PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Wednesday, 28th February.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 66.

TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The President of the Central Road Board, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Central Road Board—Return of monies paid into the Treasury derivable from Punts and Tolls, to 31st December, 1854; and also
Statement of the estimated amount of Tolls derivable from certain Toll-gates and Punts, for the year ending 31st December, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from the Chemists and Druggists of Melbourne, praying the Council to take the views of the petitioners respecting the "*Medical Practitioners Registration Bill*," as set forth in the Petition, into consideration.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers of Melbourne and its vicinity, praying the Council would in the enactment of a law to consolidate and amend the existing laws, afford them relief from the grievances set forth in the Petition, of which they conceived they so justly complained.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Council Table—
Customs Appointments.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Horne, 2nd February, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Colonial Secretary, by leave of the Council, moved that the consideration of the several Notices of Motion, and the first eleven Orders of the Day on the Notice Paper for to-day be postponed until after the consideration of the 12th Order for to-day.
Question—put and passed.
6. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Cole postponed the motions standing in his name, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 2nd March next.
8. REVENUE — SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the revenue collected under authority of the various Acts containing special appropriation clauses, and of the expenditure and distribution of the same.
Question—put and passed.
9. UNSTAMPED AND IMPROPERLY STAMPED LETTERS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this Council a Return of the number of letters without stamps, or with insufficient stamps, posted during the month of January last, and of the way in which such letters have been disposed of.
Question—put and passed.
10. POLICE EXPENDITURE.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House—
(1.) A copy of the agreement entered into with the members of the Police Force who have engaged for a lengthened period of service.

- (2.) The number of tenders called for during the last year for the erection and repair of buildings, supply of clothing, &c., for the Police Department.
- (3.) The number of contracts entered into (if any), with the names of the contractors, for which no tenders were called during the same period.
- (4.) The amount expended in the erection and repairs of buildings, &c., at Richmond Barracks.
- (5.) A detailed account of the whole amount expended in the erection or repair of buildings, &c., in connection with the Police Force.
- (6.) The number and description of Officers in the Police Department that have been reduced.
- (7.) The names of the Officers reduced, the length of their service, and their relative rank when in the Force, with those who now retain their appointments.
- (8.) The boundaries and extent of district under the supervision of the twelve Inspectors named in the amended Estimates, and a detailed account of the distribution of the Police Force with reference to each Inspector's district.
- (9.) The duty performed by the Mounted Police Force at each station. The number of cases under the Veterinary Surgeon's charge for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1854.
- (10.) The amount of work performed by the mechanics enumerated in the Estimates.

Question—put and passed.

11. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Forlonge having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for preventing the extension of the disease called Scab in Sheep, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act for preventing the extension of the disease called Scab in Sheep,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Tuesday, 6th March, and to be printed.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. James Murphy postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 7, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 6th March next.
13. COMPENSATION TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ON REDUCTIONS IN DEPARTMENTS.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 46, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Message was read by the Clerk.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Message.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee recommended the further consideration of this Message be taken in Committee with the Estimates to-morrow, the Council adopted such report.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

"*Railways—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45*"—until to-morrow; and

"*Immigrants' Luggage Bill—To be further considered in Committee;*"

"*Incorporated Companies Suits Bill—Third reading;*" and

"*Auction Sales Regulation Bill—Third reading,*" until Friday, 2nd March next; and

"*Retiring Allowance to Mr. J. L. Foster—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47;*"

"*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*"

"*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*"

"*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading;*"

"*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading;*"

"*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*" and

"*Roads Act Amendment Bill—Second reading,*" until Tuesday, 6th March next.

Council adjourned at twenty-two minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855, AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE, No. 46—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
6. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.

General Business :—

1. MR. FORLONGE : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether there would be any objection to lay on the Table of the House the Report of the Commission appointed by the Government to report on the financial condition of the Colony.
2. MR. FORLONGE : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Government were aware that a person of the name of McGill, an American, having been actively engaged in the Ballarat riots ; whether, if so, any attempt has been made to bring him to trial, and if not, why not.
3. MR. FORLONGE : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether any financial propositions have been submitted to the Executive Government, and whether there would be any objection to lay such propositions (if any) on the Table of this House, together with such correspondence as may have taken place relative thereto.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return of the sums expended by the Government on Roads and Bridges in and within a distance of five miles of the City of Melbourne and the Town of Geelong respectively.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. LOAN BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MURPHY : To move—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expenditure connected with the works at Yan Ycan, to take evidence and report upon the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee do consist of the following Members—The Colonial Engineer, the Surveyor General, Mr. Greeves, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.
2. MR. HORNE : To move, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain portion of the Belfast Church of England lands in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said lands,*" be read a second time.
3. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
4. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence relative to the purchase of allotment 3 section 1, allotment 5 section 1, and allotment 2 section 1, all at Castlemaine, by J. Ferres, C. Baker, and F. W. Johnson respectively.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the acceptance of Mr. Holmes' tender for the extension of the wharf at Melbourne, in preference to other tenders of less amount, such Committee to consist of Messrs. Fawcner, Goodman, James Murphy, Horne, and the Mover.
3. MR. JAMES MURPHY: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 28th February.

- GEE LONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.
 PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—at 11 o'clock.
 LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 67.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Trade and Customs—Accounts relating to Trade and Customs, for the fourth quarter of the year, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Gipps' Land District—Monthly Report of the Surveyor in Charge.
Ordered to be printed.
The President of the Central Road Board by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Return of Expenditure upon Roads within five miles of the Post Office, Melbourne, and within five miles of the Market Square, Geelong, from 1st January, 1853, to 31st December, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 46.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855, and of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 46 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Wednesday, 7th March next.
5. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 2nd March instant.
6. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time and ordered to be considered in Committee Friday, 2nd March next.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
" *Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second Reading;*" until Tuesday, 6th March next; and
Railways—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 45, until Wednesday, the 7th March next; to take precedence of all other business on that day.

Council adjourned at sixteen minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. LOAN BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

1. MR. WILLS : To ask the Colonial Secretary for certain information relative to the appointment and resignation of the late Colonial Secretary, John Leslie Foster, Esq., as to by, whom, and at whose recommendation and interest he was appointed to a situation of such responsibility, the nature of the benefits resulting to the Colony from his administration, and the occasion for his dismissal or retirement.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Letter addressed by Mr. J. L. Foster tendering his resignation of the office of Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's reply thereto.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMES MURPHY : To move—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expenditure connected with the works at Yan Yean, to take evidence and report upon the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee do consist of the following Members—The Colonial Engineer, the Surveyor General, Mr. Greeves, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.
2. MR. HORNE : To move, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain portion of the Belfast Church of England lands in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said lands,*" be read a second time.
3. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
4. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.
4. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
5. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence relative to the purchase of allotment 3 section 1, allotment 5 section 1, and allotment 2 section 1, all at Castlemaine, by J. Ferres, C. Baker, and F. W. Johnson respectively.
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the acceptance of Mr. Holmes' tender for the extension of the wharf at Melbourne, in preference to other tenders of less amount, such Committee to consist of Messrs. Fawkner, Goodman, James Murphy, Horne, and the Mover.
3. MR. JAMES MURPHY: To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 7th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 68.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Occupation of Crown Lands—Orders in Council—Copies of Correspondence.
Ordered to be printed.
Post Office—Return to Address, adopted on the 14th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Strachan.
Ordered to be printed.
Return of reduced Officers—Nominal return of Officers who were reduced on the 31st December, 1854, shewing the date of their respective appointments and the salary received by each person.
Ordered to be printed.
Police Estimate—Return of the proposed distribution of the Police Force, as provided for on the Estimates for 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Screw Steamer—Further Correspondence, with copy of Contract and Specifications, &c.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 8th March instant :—
“ *Customs' Laws amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.* ”
5. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—
The Attorney General moved “ that ” the “ Report be now adopted by the Council.”
Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “ the ” be omitted, with a view to insert the words, “ Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, such Committee to consist of the Attorney General, the Colonial Secretary, the Collector of Customs, Mr. Smith, Mr. Horne, Mr. O'Shanassy, and Mr. Greeves.”
Debate ensued—Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Mr. Greeves then moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “ that ” be omitted, with a view to insert the words “ the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.”
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed.
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 8th March instant.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 6th March instant :—
“ *Loan Bill—Second reading.* ”
7. RESIGNATION OF J. F. L. FOSTER, ESQ.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Letter addressed by Mr. J. L. Foster, tendering his resignation of the office of Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's reply thereto.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
Council adjourned at two minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
1. MR. GREEVES: To ask the Colonial Secretary what salaries had been paid from the Crown Land Revenue for the year 1854, and what sum is proposed to be paid for the present year.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JAMES MURPHY: To move—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expenditure connected with the works at Yan Yean, to take evidence and report upon the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee do consist of the following Members—The Colonial Engineer, the Surveyor General, Mr. Greeves, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Strachan, and the Mover.
2. MR. HORNE: To move, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain portion of the Belfast Church of England lands in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said lands,*" be read a second time.
3. MR. COLE: To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.
5. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
6. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
7. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GREEVES: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence relative to the purchase of allotment 3 section 1, allotment 5 section 1, and allotment 2 section 1, all at Castlemaine, by J. Ferres, C. Baker, and F. W. Johnson respectively.

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4. MR. GREEVES: To move for a copy of a Notice to Mr. S. Ramsey, from J. M. McLeod, Crown Bailiff, to remove from Government land between the Wharf and Flinders-street, dated 6th February, 1855.
5. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
10. LOAN BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 7th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 69.

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, 7th March instant.
 3. WATER WORKS—YAN YEAN.—Mr. James Murphy moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the supply of Water to Melbourne from Yan Yean, and the expenditure connected with the works, to take evidence, and report on the same. The Committee to consist of the following Members :—The Colonial Engineer, the Surveyor General, Mr. Greeves, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Forlonge, Mr. Mollison, and the mover.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Horne, Mr. Cole, and Mr. Myles postponed the Motions standing in their names respectively, Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the Notice paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 6th March instant.
 5. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 8th March instant.
 6. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Acting Solicitor General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 6th March instant.
 7. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 6th March instant; to take precedence of all other business on that day.
 8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under.
 - “*Immigrants' Luggage Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*” and
 - “*Auction Sales Regulation Bill—Third reading*”—Until Friday, 9th March instant, and
 - “*Geelong Corporation Loan Act Amendment Bill—To be considered in Committee*”—until Tuesday, 6th March instant—to be taken into consideration next after the “*Melbourne Corporation Loan Act Amendment Bill.*”
- Council adjourned at eighteen minutes to eight until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be considered in Committee.
1. MR. GREEVES : To ask the Colonial Secretary what salaries had been paid from the Crown Land Revenue for the year 1854, and what sum is proposed to be paid for the present year.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence relative to the purchase of allotment 3 section 1, allotment 5 section 1, and allotment 2 section 1, all at Castlemaine, by J. Ferres, C. Baker, and F. W. Johnson respectively.
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3. MR. JAMES MURPHY : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.
4. MR. GREEVES : To move for a copy of a Notice to Mr. S. Ramsey, from J. M. McLeod, Crown Bailiff, to remove from Government land between the Wharf and Flinders-street, dated 6th February, 1855.
5. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
6. MR. JAMES MURPHY : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the Account of Expenditure sent into the Government on 1st of February this year, by the Commission of Sewerage and Water Supply, in accordance with the 14th clause of the Act appointing such Commission.
7. MR. HARRISON : To move, That in the opinion of this Council the delay which takes place in the printing of public documents is detrimental to the interest of the Colony, and, that in order to diminish the arrears of work in the Government Printing Office, tender should be immediately invited for the performance of a large portion of the work by contract.
8. MR. HORNE : To move, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain portion of the Belfast Church of England lands in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said lands,*" be now read a second time.
9. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressing the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.
 - (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
 - (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
 - (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
 - (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.
10. MR. COLE : To move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

11. MR. MYLES : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of any Correspondence that may have taken place between His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or any of the Executive Council with the Consul of the United States of America respecting the riots which have lately taken place at Ballarat, or regarding any American citizen or citizens who may have been accused of participating in the said riots.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
5. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
8. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
11. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
12. LOAN BILL—Second reading.
13. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
3. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Philip Farmers' Society.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 7th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 70.

TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from certain members of the Police Force praying that a certain matter of complaint set forth in the Petition might be enquired into. Petition received.
3. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Thursday, 8th March instant.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Police Expenditure.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, 27th February, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Unstamped and Improperly Stamped Letters.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Harrison, 27th February, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Melbourne Sewerage and Water Commission.—Return of Receipts and Expenditure of the Board for the year 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
5. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Thursday, 8th March instant.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended.
The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Council do, at its rising this day, adjourn until to-morrow at twelve o'clock.
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the several Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
Council adjourned at eight minutes to four until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH.

1. Mr. GREEVES: To ask the Colonial Secretary what salaries had been paid from the Crown Land Revenue for the year 1854, and what sum is proposed to be paid for the present year.
2. Mr. FORLONGE: To ask the Colonial Secretary, Whether there would be any objection to lay on the Table of the House a Return of all the Gold held by the Government on deposit on the 1st and 15th of each month during the year 1854; also the amount of Gold in the hands of the Government which has been unclaimed for a period exceeding six months.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
10. LOAN BILL—Second reading.
11. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.
12. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
13. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
14. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.

 THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
5. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

 FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Philip Farmers' Society.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

 TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 7th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 71.

WEDNESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.
 2. RESIGNATION OF SPEAKER.—The Clerk announced to the Council that since the adjournment of the Council yesterday he had received a letter, which, with the permission of the Council, he read as follows:—

John Barker, Esq.,

March 7, 1855.

Clerk Legislative Council.

SIR,

May I request that you will have the goodness to inform the Council that I am prevented by indisposition from taking my place this day as Speaker, and that the same cause will probably prevent my doing so for some few days. I do this in order that the Council may adopt measures usual in such cases to prevent the interruption of the public business.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. PALMER.

After reading which letter, Mr. Snodgrass (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker Francis Murphy, Esq., and moved that Francis Murphy, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hodgson. Then Mr. Mollison was proposed by Mr. Fawcner and seconded by Mr. O'Shanassy. Whereupon a debate arose as to the sufficiency of the above letter as a resignation of office by the late Speaker.

Mr. Greeves was then proposed by Mr. Horne and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Debate ensued—during which Mr. Murphy, Mr. Mollison, and Mr. Greeves addressed themselves to the House.

The question was put by the Clerk—That Francis Murphy, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Council divided.

Ayes, 25.

The Colonial Secretary,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Attorney General,
 The Auditor General,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Murphy was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. Hodgson, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his thanks to the House, and sat down in the Chair.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Council do now proceed to the Government Offices to present their Speaker elect to the Lieutenant Governor.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Council proceeded to the Government Offices accordingly.

The Council having returned, the Speaker reported that the Council had been to the Government Offices, and that he had there presented himself to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor as the choice of the Council, and that His Excellency had not disallowed their choice of him to be their Speaker.

Council adjourned at five minutes past one o'clock until three o'clock.

1. Three o'clock.—Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Harrison, as Chairman of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred for consideration and report, brought up the report from the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PURCHASE OF CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence relative to the purchase of allotment 3 section 1, allotment 5 section 1, and allotment 2 section 1, all at Castlemaine, by J. Ferres, C. Baker, and F. W. Johnson respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. HOLMES' CONTRACT.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the acceptance of Mr. Holmes' tender for the extension of the Wharf at Melbourne, in preference to other tenders of less amount, such Committee to consist of Messrs. Fawkner, Goodman, James Murphy, Horne, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question—That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the acceptance of Mr. Holmes' tender for the extension of the Wharf at Melbourne, in preference to other tenders of less amount—put and passed.
Mr. Snodgrass having required that the Committee be appointed by ballot, the following members, being reported to have the greatest number of votes, were declared by the Speaker to be the members of such Committee, viz.—Mr. Greeves, Mr. Horne, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Fawkner, and the Surveyor General.
5. COUNTY COURT, BOURKE.—Mr. James Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide for the appointment of an Assistant Judge for the County Court and General Sessions of Melbourne and County of Bourke.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Greeves postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 5, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday, 13th March instant.
7. PRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this Council the delay which takes place in the printing of public documents is detrimental to the interest of the Colony, and, that in order to diminish the arrears of work in the Government Printing Office, tenders should be immediately invited for the performance of a large portion of the work by contract.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.
Mr. Mollison,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Griffith,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Cole,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

8. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a certain portion of the Belfast Church of England lands in the Colony of Victoria, to sell certain portions of the said lands,*" be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. Cole,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Snodgrass
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Acting Solicitor General
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fyfe.
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Greeves,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Attorney General
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 3.
Mr. Fawkner.
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Wilkinson (*Teller.*)

Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 14th March instant.

9. LOAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that the Council resolve—

(1.) That all sums of money voted for Public Works and Buildings should be provided, as required, by the sale of Debentures issued by and guaranteed by Her Majesty's Government.

- (2.) That as the works would give additional value to the land on which these sums are to be expended, as well as to the Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of such expenditure, all of which still remain part of the Territorial Property of the Crown, the interest of the money should be paid out of the General Revenue *as a rent*, and that a sinking fund be formed from the sale of Waste Lands for paying off the debentures as they become due.
- (3.) That all such works, &c., should, if possible, be made re-productive, in order to raise sufficient to pay into the General Revenue a sum equal to the rent advanced, and if necessary to form a sinking fund for the repayment of the loans.
- (4.) That such debentures shall be paid off within 21 years from the issue thereof respectively.
- (5.) That the item left out of the new Estimates of £44,000 for eleven public offices should form one of the number, and that the interest divided amongst them of £400 per annum each should be made a charge, to the respective departments that use them, *as a rent*.

Debate ensued.

The Colonial Engineer moved the previous question.

Debate continued.

Question—That this question be now put—put and negatived.

10. GENERAL SESSIONS AND COUNTY COURTS, GIPPS' LAND.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a sum not exceeding £3000 to be placed on the Estimates for 1855, to provide a General Sessions and County Court in Gipps' Land, the Council adopted such report.

11. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council :—

American Citizens.—Copies of Correspondence respecting American Citizens who were supposed to have participated in the late riots at Ballaarat.

Ordered to be printed.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

“*Loan Bill—Second reading.*”
 “*Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee ;*” and
 “*Mercantile Securities Bill—Third reading*”—until to-morrow.
 “*Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading*”—until Friday, 9th March instant.
 “*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report ;*”
 “*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;*”
 “*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading ;*”
 “*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading ;*”
 “*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;*” and
 “*Roads Act Amendment Bill—Second reading*”—until Tuesday, 13th March inst.
 “*Railways—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45*”—until Wednesday, 14th March instant.
 “*Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill—Second reading*”—until Friday, 16th March instant ; and
 “*Retiring Allowance to Mr. J. L. Foster—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47*”—until Wednesday, 21st March inst.

13. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

Council adjourned at twenty-two minutes to eight o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee
2. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
4. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Third reading.
7. LOAN BILL—Second reading.
8. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL—Third reading.
9. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GREEVES : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, viz. :—£2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Economic Geology ; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Natural History ; £750 to defray the salaries and contingencies of a Geological Surveyor's Department ; and £200 for the Compilation of Meteorological Tables at Melbourne, Shortland's Bluff, and Cape Otway, and purchase of Instruments.
2. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Sites that have been appropriated to, or reserved for, School purposes by the Crown from 1852 to 1854 inclusive ; specifying the different localities, the extent of area, the dates of the applications, and the names of the applicants.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Philip Farmers' Society.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 14th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 72.

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—Mr. Miller brought up the Report from the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred, together with the proceedings of the Committee, and a Copy of the Bill as amended, and moved that it be received and printed.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Grazing Statistics—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Strachan, 23rd November, 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day :—
“ *Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee.*”
“ *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
“ *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”
“ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
5. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time after the consideration of the other business on the paper for to-day.
6. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time after the consideration of the other business on the paper for to-day.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow—
“ *Loan Bill.—Second reading.*”
8. INCORPORATED COMPANIES SUITS BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *An Act to facilitate proceedings by and against Incorporated Companies.*”
Question—put and passed.
9. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, the 15th March instant—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
10. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.
11. CUSTOMS' LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill, having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

12. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further reconsideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council, having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further reconsideration thereof.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—Mr. Nicholson moved that this Council do now adjourn. Question—put. Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Annand,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Horne,
Mr Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 28.

Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

14. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported with amendments.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration, Friday, 16th March instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.

15. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

16. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of Mr. Greeves, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Greeves, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

17. RESERVES OF CROWN LANDS.—The Surveyor General moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, given by Mr. Campbell—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Sites that have been appropriated to, or reserved for, School purposes by the Crown to 31st December, 1854; specifying the different localities, the extent of area, the dates of the applications, and the names of the applicants.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

18. MELBOURNE CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to amend an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Melbourne to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding Five hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and for further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof.’ ”

Question—put and passed.

19. GEELONG CORPORATION LOAN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to amend an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses of the Town of Geelong to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding Two hundred thousand pounds in the whole, and for the further amending the Acts relating to the Corporation thereof.’ ”

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Philip Farmers' Society.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, viz. :—£2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Economic Geology ; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Natural History ; £750 to defray the salaries and contingencies of a Geological Surveyor's Department ; and £200 for the Compilation of Meteorological Tables at Melbourne, Shortland's Bluff, and Cape Otway, and purchase of Instruments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Third reading.
4. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. LOAN BILL—Second reading.
6. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
7. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible—(1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne for the last six months.
(2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
(3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
(4.) The amount of money paid by these persons, distinguishing the “ two days.”
(5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
(6.) The number of convictions of persons offending by selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday.

4. Mr. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns :—
- (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
 - (2.) At whose instance, request, or application, the daily mail to Northcote was formed.
 - (3.) The amount of money expended per year, quarter, or month.
 - (4.) What means are used to transmit this Mail—whether by footman, horseman, or by what sort of conveyance.
 - (5.) What number of letters and newspapers are sent daily, and how many per week for the last six months.
 - (6.) The salary or allowance to the Postmaster at Northcote; and whether any messenger or delivery clerk is employed, if so, at what cost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO Mr. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 14th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

FRAN^S MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 73.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Lieutenant Colonel Anderson presented a Petition from William Alfred Grover late chief clerk in the General Post Office, praying the Council might be pleased to view his case as set forth in the Petition, as one deserving their consideration and approval in respect of his claim, and so relying upon the justness and liberality of the Council, leaves it to the Council to deal with his case in such manner as to the Council might seem fit, and from the peculiar nature of the case could be borne out upon its true merits and deserts only.
Petition received.
3. PORT PHILLIP FARMERS' SOCIETY.—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Phillip Farmers' Society.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will place on the Estimates the sum of £500, to be given in aid of the funds of the Port Phillip Farmers' Society—the Council adopted such report.
4. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, viz. :—£1000 for the salary and expenses of the Government Botanist ; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Economic Geology ; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Natural History ; £750 to defray the salaries and contingencies of a Geological Surveyor's Department ; and £200 for the Compilation of Meteorological Tables at Melbourne, Shortland's Bluff, and Cape Otway, and purchase of Instruments.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 23rd March instant.
5. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills :—
“ *Incorporated Companies Suits Bill.* ”
“ *Melbourne Corporation Loan Act Amendment Bill.* ”
“ *Geelong Corporation Loan Act Amendment Bill.* ”
6. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers :—
Gold.—Return of Gold deposited in the hands of the Government upwards of six months—on hand on the 1st and 15th of each month during the year 1854—
and held on deposit by Government, at the various Gold Fields of this Colony, on the 1st and 15th of each month during the year 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
Geelong Town Hall.—Estimate with Plans and Specifications for the Erection of a Town Hall at Geelong.
Estimate and Specifications ordered to be printed—Plans ordered to lie on the Table.

7. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported that a point of Order had arisen in Committee during the consideration of the Estimates for the general Police Force—That on a previous day, upon the Auditor General having moved that the sum of £7200 be appropriated to the payment of the salaries of twelve inspectors at £600 each per annum, a suggestion was made that a vote should be taken for the whole sum estimated for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the general Police Force, to which suggestion the Auditor General consented, and moved that the sum of £542,418 15s. 0d. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the general Police Force for the year 1855, whereupon Mr. Forlonge moved that £400,000 be appropriated for such purposes—That the Auditor General was now desirous of taking the vote for the general Police Force item by item. A question was thereupon raised as to the competency of the Auditor General to withdraw the proposal of the whole sum for the purposes of the general Police Force, which question he (the Chairman) was directed to report to the Council.

The Speaker ruled that as the Motion of the Auditor General had been put from the Chair and was in the possession of the Committee, it was not, in his opinion, competent for him to alter it without the consent of the Committee, in which ruling the Council acquiesced.

The Speaker then left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained to leave to sit again Tuesday, 13th March instant.

8. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 16th March instant—Bill as amended to be printed.

9. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Wednesday, 14th March instant—Bill as amended to be printed.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

“*Loan Bill—Second reading*”—until Tuesday, 13th March instant—to take precedence of all other Orders of the Day.

“*Seab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading* ;” and

“*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee.*”—until Tuesday, 13th March instant; and

“*Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Third reading*”—until Wednesday, 14th March instant.

Council adjourned at eighteen minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. LOAN BILL—Second reading.
 2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
1. MR. O'SHANASSY: To ask the Colonial Secretary if, under the application from the inhabitants of Emerald Hill to have that District constituted into a separate municipality, the limits to be assigned by His Excellency have yet been defined, and if the Executive have applied, that such defined limits shall be consented to by the Melbourne Corporation; and failing such consent having been or being immediately given, whether the Government is prepared to introduce a Bill to proclaim the defined area into a separate Municipality in terms of the Act 18 Victoria, No. 15, without the necessity of any consent from the Melbourne Corporation.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible—(1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne for the last six months.
 - (2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
 - (3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
 - (4.) The amount of money paid by these persons, distinguishing the “two days.”
 - (5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
 - (6.) The number of convictions of persons offending by selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns :—
 - (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
 - (2.) At whose instance, request, or application, the daily mail to Northcote was formed.
 - (3.) The amount of money expended per year, quarter, or month.
 - (4.) What means are used to transmit this Mail—whether by footman, horseman, or by what sort of conveyance.
 - (5.) What number of letters and newspapers are sent daily, and how many per week for the last six months.
 - (6.) The salary or allowance to the Postmaster at Northcote; and whether any messenger or delivery clerk is employed, if so, at what cost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
10. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report,
3. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 13th March.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 14th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

FRAN^S MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 74.

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz.:—
 - Revenue—Special Appropriations.—Adopted on the 27th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Return should be furnished as soon as its very comprehensive nature would permit.
 - Unstamped and improperly stamped Letters.—Adopted on the 27th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the wishes of the Council should be complied with.
 - Police Expenditure.—Adopted on the 27th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be furnished in compliance with the wishes of the Council.
 - Purchase of Crown Lands—Adopted on the 7th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Greeves ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that a copy of this correspondence should be furnished for the information of the Legislative Council.
 - General Sessions and County Courts, Gipps' Land.—Adopted on the 7th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum to be placed on the Estimates for the proposed purpose.
 - Reserves of Crown Lands.—Adopted on the 8th March, 1855, on the motion of the Surveyor General, on behalf of Mr. Campbell ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Return should be furnished in compliance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
3. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy having a Petition from certain Proprietors and Directors of the South Yarra Water Works Company established at Prahran, in the Colony of Victoria, praying for leave to bring in a Bill for the incorporation of the said Company, but objection having been taken that the presentation of such Petition was not in accordance with the Standing Order of this Council, Mr. O'Shanassy withdrew the Petition, and moved "that" Standing Order No. 58 be suspended.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Mr. Griffith moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert the words "this Petition be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report."
 - Debate continued.
 - Motion and amendment by leave withdrawn.
4. LOAN BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 - On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 - The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Thursday, 15th March instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Wills and Mr. Greeves postponed the Motions standing in their names respectively, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 20th March instant ; and Mr. Hodgson, on behalf of Mr. Fawkner, postponed the Motions standing in the name of Mr. Fawkner, Nos. 3 and 4 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 16th March instant.

6. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

- “*Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee;*” and
 “*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report*”—until to-morrow.
 “*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*”
 “*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading;*”
 “*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading;*”
 “*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*” and
 “*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further re-considered in Com-
 “mittee”*—until Thursday, 15th March.
 “*Roads Act Amendment Bill—Second reading*”—until Friday, 17th March; and
 “*Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading*”—until Tuesday, 20th March inst.

Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
3. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
5. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SMITH : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £1000, one moiety for the purpose of enclosing part of the land appropriated to the Aboriginal Mission at Lake Boga, on the Murray, and the other moiety for the general support of the Mission, and that His Excellency will make this a charge on the Territorial Revenue.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. LOAN BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.

2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible—(1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne for the last six months.
 - (2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
 - (3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
 - (4.) The amount of money paid by these persons, distinguishing the "two days."
 - (5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
 - (6.) The number of convictions of persons offending by selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns:—
 - (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
 - (2.) At whose instance, request, or application, the daily mail to Northcote was formed.
 - (3.) The amount of money expended per year, quarter, or month.
 - (4.) What means are used to transmit this Mail—whether by footman, horseman, or by what sort of conveyance.
 - (5.) What number of letters and newspapers are sent daily, and how many per week for the last six months.
 - (6.) The salary or allowance to the Postmaster at Northcote; and whether any messenger or delivery clerk is employed, if so, at what cost.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
- (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 14th March.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

FRAN^S MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 75.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—
GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.
CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 52.*
Lieutenant Governor.
 In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
*“ A Bill to constitute a Board for the management and improvement of the Port
 “ and Harbor of Geelong.”*
*Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 14th March, 1855.*
 Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The above Message having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. RAILWAYS.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 45, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Message was read by the Clerk.
 The Colonial Secretary then moved that the further consideration of this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that it then take precedence of all other Orders on that day.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
6. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 16th March instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under :—
“ Customs Law Amendment Bill—Third reading ”—until Wednesday, 28th March instant; and
“ Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report ”—until Friday, 16th March instant, to take precedence of all other Orders on that day.
8. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Tuesday, 20th March instant.
 Council adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 45.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. LOAN BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
7. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
10. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No 52.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. LIEUT. COL. ANDERSON : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant from Mr. William Alfred Grover, late Chief Clerk at the General Post Office, be taken into consideration with the proposed vote for remuneration to the Reduced Officers of the Government.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible—
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4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns :—
 - (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL.—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields ; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally ; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
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 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

FRAN^S MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 76.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended.
3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council do at its rising this day adjourn until half-past two o'clock to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
4. RAILWAYS.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 45, having been read—The Colonial Secretary moved that a Select Committee of this Council be appointed, to take into consideration the proper manner in which Railways in this Colony shall be constructed and managed, with power to take evidence, and that such Committee consist of the Attorney General, the Colonial Engineer, Mr. Cole, Mr. Henty, Mr. Horne, Mr. Miller, Mr. Francis Murphy, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Strachan, the Surveyor General, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
5. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
7. LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 22nd March instant :—
“ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.* ”
“ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.* ”
“ *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.* ”
“ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.* ”
9. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.
10. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 52, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, “ *A Bill to constitute a Board for the management and improvement of the Port and Harbor of Geelong,* ” be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be printed, and read a second time Thursday, 22nd March instant.

11. MR. W. A. GROVER.—Lieut. Col. Anderson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th instant from Mr. William Alfred Grover, late Chief Clerk at the General Post Office, be taken into consideration with the proposed vote for remuneration to the Reduced Officers of the Government.
Question—put and passed.
12. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Purchase of Crown Lands.—Return to Address.—Adopted on the 7th March instant, on the motion of Mr. Greeves.
Ordered to be printed.
- Council adjourned at three minutes to seven o'clock until half-past two o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible—
 - (1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne for the last six months.
 - (2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
 - (3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
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 - (5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
 - (6.) The number of convictions of persons offending by selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns :—
 - (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
 - (2.) At whose instance, request, or application, the daily mail to Northcote was formed.
 - (3.) The amount of money expended per year, quarter, or month.
 - (4.) What means are used to transmit this Mail—whether by footman, horseman, or by what sort of conveyance.
 - (5.) What number of letters and newspapers are sent daily, and how many per week for the last six months.
 - (6.) The salary or allowance to the Postmaster at Northcote; and whether any messenger or delivery clerk is employed, if so, at what cost.
5. MR. MOLLISON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House a statement shewing in detail the annual value of all appointments, pay, and allowances held and received (this year) by the Chief Military Commissariat Officer and Chief Military Medical Officer, specifying—
 - (1.) Imperial pay.
 - (2.) Colonial pay.
 - (3.) Rent of quarters, or probable value of quarters if not directly rented by Government.
 - (4.) Value of forage.
 - (5.) Value of rations supplied for their own use.
 - (6.) Value of rations supplied for their servants.
 - (7.) Pay, &c., of servants receiving pay from the Colonial Government.
 - (8.) Value of any other appointments and allowances.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
4. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
8. MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL—Third reading.
9. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
10. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

 TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILLS : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
3. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct measures to be taken as early as practicable for opening out and making passable, at all times of the year, the road to Gipps' Land, as pointed out by Mr. Surveyor Campbell, and recommended in the Report of the Surveyor General.
4. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, shewing that in the first three quarters of 1854 there were imported to Melbourne, exclusive of Geelong, 43,559 tons of coal, valued at £205,088, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause that immediate steps may be taken for properly examining and proving the extent of the coal fields at Western Port, and to adopt some measure for opening out so important a want of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL.—Third reading.

 WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.
Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields ; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally ; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

 THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.
Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.

 FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
- (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

 WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.
Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

M E E T I N G
OF
S E L E C T C O M M I T T E E .

Friday, 16th March.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at half-past 11 o'clock.

FRAN^s MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 77.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.
2. RESIGNATION OF SPEAKER.—The Clerk announced to the Council that, since the adjournment of the Council yesterday, he had received a letter which, with the permission of the Council, he read as follows:—

Melbourne, 16th March, 1855.

SIR,

I request you will inform the Council that I am happy to say that Dr. Palmer is now able to resume his duties in the House; and that I beg to resign the office of Speaker of the Legislative Council, to which I had the honor of being elected during the temporary absence of my predecessor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

FRAN^S MURPHY.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council,
Council Chamber.

After reading which letter, Mr. Nicholson (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House, for their Speaker, James Frederick Palmer, Esq., and moved that James Frederick Palmer, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which motion was seconded by Mr. Fawkner.

Mr. Palmer having addressed himself to the House, The question was put by the Clerk—That James Frederick Palmer, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, and passed in the affirmative. Whereupon Mr. Palmer was conducted to the Chair by Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Fawkner, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his thanks to the House, and sat down in the Chair.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Council do now proceed to the Government Offices to present their Speaker elect to the Governor.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Council proceeded to the Government Offices accordingly.

The Council having returned, the Speaker reported that the Council had been to the Government Offices, and that he had there presented himself to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor as the choice of the Council, and that His Excellency had not disallowed their choice of him to be their Speaker.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Myles, on behalf of Mr. Fyfe, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Fyfe, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 23rd March instant; and the motion standing in the name of Mr. Harrison, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 20th March instant.
4. INTEMPERANCE.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, separate returns of—
 - (1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne and Geelong for the last six months.
 - (2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
 - (3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
 - (4.) The amount of money paid by these persons, distinguishing the "two days."

- (5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
- (6.) The number of convictions of persons offending by selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday, for the six months ending 28th February last.

Mr. Snodgrass moved as an amendment, That the words, "and the District Court of Bourke," be inserted in Section No. 1, after the word "Geelong."

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

Mr. Greeves moved as an amendment, That the words "convictions of" before the word "persons," and the words "offending by" following such word, in Section No. 6, be omitted, with the view to insert in lieu thereof, after the word "persons," the words "charged with and convicted of."

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

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

Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, separate Returns of—

- (1.) The number of persons taken up weekly, charged with drunkenness within the precincts of Melbourne and Geelong, and the District Court of Bourke, for the last six months.
 - (2.) The number of persons confined for drunkenness each Saturday for the last six months.
 - (3.) The number of persons taken up for drunkenness on each Sunday up to midnight for the last six months ending on 28th February, 1855.
 - (4.) The amount of money paid by these persons, distinguishing the "two days."
 - (5.) The imprisonment, if any, inflicted on those offenders, distinguishing those taken up on Saturday, from Sunday offenders.
 - (6.) The number of persons charged with and convicted of selling on the Sunday, and the total amount paid under the last Act forbidding selling on the Sunday, for the six months ending 28th February last—put and passed.
5. **NORTHCOTE MAIL.**—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House the following Returns:—
- (1.) The date of the first establishment of a daily post to Northcote.
 - (2.) At whose instance, request, or application, the daily mail to Northcote was formed.
 - (3.) The amount of money expended per year, quarter, or month for the transmission of the mail.
 - (4.) What means are used to transmit this Mail—whether by footman, horseman, or by what sort of conveyance.
 - (5.) What number of letters and newspapers are sent daily, and how many per week for the last six months.
 - (6.) The salary or allowance to the Postmaster at Northcote; and whether any messenger or delivery clerk is employed, if so, at what cost.
- Question—put and passed.

6. **PAY OF MILITARY, COMMISSARIAT, AND MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS.**—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House a statement shewing in detail the annual value of all appointments, pay, and allowances held and received (this year) by the Chief Military Commissariat Officer and Chief Military Medical Officer, specifying—

- (1.) Imperial pay.
 - (2.) Colonial pay.
 - (3.) Rent of quarters, or probable value of quarters if not directly rented by Government.
 - (4.) Value of forage.
 - (5.) Value of rations supplied for their own use.
 - (6.) Value of rations supplied for their servants.
 - (7.) Pay, &c., of servants receiving pay from the Colonial Government.
 - (8.) Value of any other appointments and allowances.
- Question—put and passed.

7. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read, the Attorney General moved "that" the Report be now adopted.

Mr. Goodman moved as an amendment—That all the words after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert the words, "the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

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

Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Attorney General moved that the Report be taken into "*consideration*" Wednesday, 21st March instant.

Mr. Mollison moved as amendment—That all the words after the word "*consideration*" be omitted, with a view to insert the words "*this day three months*" in lieu thereof.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—That the Report be taken into consideration Wednesday, 21st March, instant—put and passed.

Bill as amended to be printed.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

"*Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee;*" until Tuesday 20th March next; to take precedence of all other business on that day.

"*Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill—Second reading;*" until Friday, 23rd March instant.

"*Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*" until Wednesday, 21st March instant.

"*Roads Act Amendment Bill—Second Reading;*" and

"*Loan Bill—To be further considered in Committee;*" until Tuesday, 20th March instant.

"*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Adoption of Report;*" until Wednesday, 21st March instant.

9. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole upon this Bill, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Wednesday, 21st March instant; to take precedence of all other business on that day.

10. AUCTION SALES REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—on the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

"*An Act for the better Regulation of Sales by Auction and Auctioneers.*"

Question put and passed.

- 11.—**MERCANTILE SECURITIES BILL.**—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ *An Act for facilitating the transfer of various Instruments and Securities.*”

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **ESTIMATES FOR 1855**—To be further considered in Committee.
1. **MR. TAYLOR** : To ask the Colonial Secretary under what section of Her Majesty's Orders in Council, or by what authority, the Government has leased the portion of land known as the Government Paddock, near Essendon, for agricultural purposes, and whether the recent notice in the *Government Gazette*, prohibiting the cultivation of Crown Lands, is intended to apply to this section.
2. **MR. CHAPMAN** : To ask the Chairman of the Central Road Board respecting the extension of the road from Heidelberg to Bulleen.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. WILLS** : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.
2. **MR. GREEVES** : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
3. **MR. COLE** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct measures to be taken as early as practicable for opening out and making passable, at all times of the year, the road to Gipps' Land, as pointed out by Mr. Surveyor Campbell, and recommended in the Report of the Surveyor General.
4. **MR. COLE** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, shewing that in the first three quarters of 1854 there were imported to Melbourne, exclusive of Geelong, 43,559 tons of coal, valued at £205,088, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause that immediate steps may be taken for properly examining and proving the extent of the coal fields at Western Port, and to adopt some measure for opening out so important a want of the Colony.
5. **MR. CHAPMAN** : To move, That the Standing Order No. 58 be suspended, in order to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Bank of New South Wales, praying to be allowed to introduce a private Bill.
6. **MR. HODGSON** : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £5000, for the purpose of supplying the members of the Melbourne Rifle Regiment with the necessary uniform.
7. **MR. HARRISON** : To move, That the “ *Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*” be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

2. **SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
3. **CHURCH OF ENGLAND, BELFAST, LANDS BILL.**—Third reading.
4. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
5. **LOAN BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL**—Third reading.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields ; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally ; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government ; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 20th March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 78.

TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again after the consideration of the Notices of Motion on the paper for to-day.

3. RESERVOIRS IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £25,000 for the construction of Dams or for other arrangements for the preservation of Winter Rains in such agricultural localities as to the Executive may seem desirable.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause such arrangements to be made as may lead to the preservation of Winter Rains, in such localities as to His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, may appear desirable, Mr. Wills moved that such Report be now adopted by the Council.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Russell,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Snodgrass, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Greeves postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 23rd March instant.
5. ROAD TO GIPPS' LAND.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct measures to be taken as early as practicable for opening out and making passable, at all times of the year, the road to Gipps' Land, as pointed out by Mr. Surveyor Campbell, and recommended in the Report of the Surveyor General.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct measures to be taken as early as practicable for opening out and making passable, at all times of the year, the road to Gipps' Land, as pointed out by Mr. Surveyor Campbell, and recommended in the Report of the Surveyor General—the Council adopted such Report, and ordered the Address to be presented accordingly.

6. COAL.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, shewing that in the first three quarters of 1854 there were imported to Melbourne, exclusive of Geelong, 43,559 tons of coal, valued at £205,088, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause that immediate steps may be taken for properly examining and proving the extent of the coal fields in Victoria, and to adopt some measure for opening out so important a want of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

- 7.—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the necessary Standing Orders be suspended, in order to permit the presentation of a Petition from the Bank of New South Wales, praying to be allowed to introduce a private Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman presented a petition from the Corporation of the Bank of New South Wales, under the seal of the Corporation, praying that the petitioners might have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, intituled "*An Act to Amend an Act intituled an Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a Certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" and for effecting other the purposes set forth in the petition, in such manner, by such ways and means, and under such regulations and restrictions as to the Council should seem meet.

Petition received.

9. VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS UNIFORM.—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £5000, for the purpose of supplying the members of the Melbourne Rifle Regiment with the necessary uniform.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £6000, for the purpose of supplying the Members of the Victoria Rifle Regiments with the necessary uniform—the Council adopted such Report.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 7 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 27th March instant.
11. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

12. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Forlonge moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

On the motion of Mr. Forlonge—The Council ordered that the consideration of the Order of the Day, "*Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading,*" be postponed until Tuesday, 27th March instant.

13. CHURCH OF ENGLAND BELFAST LANDS BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Horne, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Horne then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

"*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of certain portions of the
"Belfast Church of England Lands in the Colony of Victoria to sell certain
"portions of the said lands."*

Question—put and passed.

14. PAPERS—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers :—
Northcote Daily Mail—Return to Address, adopted on the 16th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner.
Ordered to be printed.
Police Reward Fund—Return to Address, adopted on the 8th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Strachan.
Ordered to be printed.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.—
“*Loan Bill.—To be further considered in Committee.*”
Council adjourned at twenty-six minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL—Third reading.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields ; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally ; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

2. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of the Letter addressed by Mr. J. L. Foster tendering his resignation of the office of Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's reply thereto.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTRESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
2. MR. MILLER : To move, That the Standing Orders 58, 59, 60, be suspended, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a “*Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company, and enable them to extend the supply of water to Prahran, Windsor, St. Kilda, &c.*”
3. MR. MILLER : To move, That the “*Bill for the promotion of Public Education in Victoria*” be now read second time.

4. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 21st March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th March.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 79.

WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from Sizar Elliott, of Bourke-street, Melbourne, praying that such compensation might be awarded to him for the loss accruing on account of the breach of the Contract set forth in the Petition as to the Council should seem meet.
Petition received.
Mr. Fawkner presented a Petition from Thomas Greenhall Atkinson, late Clerk in the General Post Office, Melbourne, praying for such special compensation as the circumstances of the case, set forth in the Petition, demand.
Petition received.
 3. IMMIGRANTS' LUGGAGE BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Smith, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Smith then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
“*An Act to facilitate the delivery of Passengers' Luggage and Tools of Trade from ships arriving in the Colony of Victoria from the United Kingdom or Foreign Ports.*”
Question—put and passed.
 4. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
“*Retiring Allowance to Mr. J. L. Foster—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47*”—until Wednesday, 28th March inst.
“*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*” and
“*Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*”—until to-morrow.
“*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Adoption of Report;*”—until Tuesday, 27th March instant; and
“*Loan Bill—To be further considered in Committee*”—until Friday, 23rd March instant.
 6. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Census.—Portion of the Tables compiled from the Census taken in the year 1854.
Ordered to be printed.
 7. RESIGNATION OF MR. J. L. FOSTER.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of the Letter addressed by Mr. J. L. Foster tendering his resignation of the office of Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's reply thereto.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
- Council adjourned at twenty-three minutes past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.
7. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st instant, from Thomas Greenhall Atkinson, be printed and taken into consideration with the vote for compensation to reduced Officers of the Government.
2. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st instant, from Sizar Elliot, be taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 27th instant.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
2. MR. MILLER: To move, That the Standing Orders 58, 59, 60, be suspended, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a "*Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company, and enable them to extend the supply of water to Prahran, Windsor, St. Kilda, &c.*"
3. MR. MILLER: To move, That the "*Bill for the promotion of Public Education in Victoria*" be now read second time.
4. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields ; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally ; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 80.

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to—
 - “ *The Auction Sales Regulation Bill,*”
 - “ *The Mercantile Securities Bill,*”
 - “ *The Immigrants Luggage Bill.*”
 3. PETITION.—Mr. Harrison presented a Petition from certain merchants, bankers, traders, and others, inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Geelong, praying the Council would be pleased to give its assent to the Bill now before the Council, intituled “ *A Bill to Incorporate a Company to be called the Geelong, Ballaarat, and North Western Railway Company.*”
Petition received.
 4. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Orders of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855, of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message, No. 46, and for the consideration of the Petition from Mr. W. A. Grover, having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
 - “ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*” and
 - “ *Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading;*” —until this day week; and
 - “ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*” and
 - “ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*—until Tuesday, 27th instant.
 6. MR. S. ELLIOTT.—Mr. O’Shanassy moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—That the Petition presented by him on the 21st instant, from Sizar Elliot, be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday, the 27th instant.
Question—put and passed.
 7. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Resignation of Mr. J. L. Foster—Return to Address, adopted on the 21st March instant, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass.
Ordered to be printed.
- Council adjourned at ten minutes past seven o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4,500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.

2. MR. MILLER: To move, That the Standing Orders 58, 59, 60, be suspended, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a "*Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company, and enable them to extend the supply of water to Prahran, Windsor, St. Kilda, &c.*"
3. MR. MILLER: To move, That the "*Bill for the promotion of Public Education in Victoria*" be now read second time.
4. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
3. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
4. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

 TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOT.

 WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.
Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

General Business:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

 THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH.
Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 81.

FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. GOLD DISCOVERY.—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to notice, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates the sum of £4500 to be awarded to the Victoria Gold Discoverers, as recommended by the Select Committee appointed last year to enquire into the relative merit of the various claimants.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
3. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of this Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses:—
 - Port Phillip Farmers' Society.—Adopted on the 9th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the sum of £500 should be placed on the Estimates, in compliance with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
 - Intemperance.—Adopted on the 16th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the separate Returns required shall be furnished as soon as they can be compiled.
 - Northcote Mail.—Adopted on the 16th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Returns asked for shall be laid before the Legislative Council.
 - Pay of Military Commissariat and Medical Staff Officers.—Adopted on the 16th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Mollison ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the statement asked for shall be prepared without delay for the information of the Legislative Council.
 - Road to Gipps' Land.—Adopted on the 20th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would direct measures to be taken for the proposed object as early as practicable.
 - Coal.—Adopted on the 20th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that, believing that the prosperity of Victoria is intimately concerned in developing so important an item of her mineral wealth, he would give instructions to cause the wishes of the Legislative Council to be carried into effect by the Geological Surveyor at the earliest moment.
 - Volunteer Rifle Corps' Uniform.—Adopted on the 20th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Hodgson ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the proposed sum to be placed upon the Estimates.
 - Resignation of Mr. J. L. Foster.—Adopted on the 21st March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he was always anxious to comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council, and had done so on the present occasion, as far as due regard to the public interests would permit.

4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council :—
 Crown Lands.—Expenditure from Crown Lands for 1854, and Proposed Expenditure for 1855.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Police Commission.—Report of Police Commission respecting distribution of Police Reward Fund.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Prahran, Windsor, and St. Kilda, praying the Council to give its sanction to the Act of incorporation of the South Yarra Water Works Company.
 Petition received.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders 58, 59, 60, be suspended, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company, and enable them to extend the supply of water to Prahran, Windsor, St. Kilda, &c.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
7. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain Proprietors and Directors of the South Yarra Water Works Company, established at Prahran, praying that leave might be given to bring in “ *A Bill to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the South Yarra Water Works Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.* ”
 Petition received.
8. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Miller, the Report from the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred, was read by the Clerk.
 Mr. Miller then moved, pursuant to notice, That the “ *Bill for the promotion of Public Education in Victoria* ” be now read second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
 On the motion of Mr. Miller, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 27th March inst.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Greeves postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 4 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 30th March instant.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
 “ *Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee* ”—until Tuesday, 27th March inst.
 “ *Scientific Establishments—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee;* ” and
 “ *Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading;* ”—until Friday, 30th March inst. ; and
 “ *Loan Bill—To be further considered in Committee;* ”—until Tuesday, 27th March inst.
- Council adjourned at half-past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

2. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
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6. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
7. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOT.
8. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.

General Business:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GOODMAN: To move for leave to suspend Standing Order No. 58, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition to the House, praying to be allowed to introduce a "*Bill to incorporate a Company to be called the Melbourne Exchange Company.*"
2. MR. GREEVES: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 27th March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—at 1 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 82.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to
“ The Church of England Lands, Belfast, Bill.”
3. PAPERS.—The President of the Central Road Board, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Central Road Board.—Return of Works and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1854.
 Ordered to be printed.
 The Auditor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Civil Commissariat Department.—Reports of the Board appointed to enquire into the working of the Civil Commissariat Department in the Colony of Victoria.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE COUNCIL.—Mr. Greeves, on behalf of the Speaker, brought up the Report from the Select Committee of this Council, appointed to consider and report as to the best means of providing temporary accommodation for the sittings of the Legislative Council, and moved that it be received and read.
 Question—put and passed.—Report read by the Clerk.
 On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Council ordered the Report to be printed, and taken into consideration Thursday, 29th March instant.
5. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. PAPERS.—The Collector of Customs, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council
 Trade and Customs.—Accounts relating to Trade and Customs for the year 1854.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Campbell postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 30th March instant; and Mr. Harrison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 3rd April next.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ Loan Bill—To be further considered in Committee;”—until to-morrow to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.
“ Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second Reading;”—until Friday, 30th March inst.
“ Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Adoption of Report;”
“ Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;” and
“ Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;”—until to-morrow.
“ Consideration of the Petition of Sizar Elliott;” and
“ Public Education Bill—To be considered in Committee;”—until Tuesday, 3rd April next.

Council adjourned at fourteen minutes past eight until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

 WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
3. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
4. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
5. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
6. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
7. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To ask the Colonial Secretary if the Government, on the arrival of the *Lightning* from England, gave exclusive information to the *Argus* newspaper.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Colonial Government are aware of an irruption or inroad of persons from China to the Victorian Gold Fields; whether the Executive have arranged any plan to guard the interest of the Anglo-Saxon race in this Colony from the deteriorating effects that may arise from a very large immigration of Tartars or Chinese, which, if not properly controlled, may cause serious evils to the people of this Colony generally; and whether a measure might not be prepared forbidding the introduction of these people into this Province.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the House at its rising adjourn till next day at two o'clock P.M., and that during the remainder of the Session two o'clock shall be the hour for the commencement of business.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to amend the Roads Act in the matter of the distance at which it shall be lawful to erect Toll Gates and levy Tolls.*"
3. MR. MILLER : To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company.*"
Contingent on this Bill being read a first time, to move that it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Snodgrass, and the Mover.

 THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the House do allow necessary Standing Orders, 59 and 60, to be suspended, in order to permit the Mover to move for leave to bring in a private Bill.
2. MR. CHAPMAN : To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE COUNCIL—Consideration of the Report from Select Committee.

 FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GOODMAN : To move for leave to suspend Standing Order No. 58, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition to the House, praying to be allowed to introduce a "*Bill to incorporate a Company to be called the Melbourne Exchange Company.*"
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.

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4. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
- (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. SEAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House the following Returns:—
 - (1.) The quantities of land sold at Sandridge and Williamstown, respectively, with the sums obtained by each sale; yearly accounts of each.
 - (2.) The amounts expended at each place for the various public works, inclusive of the value of forced labor (if any); and shewing where such labor has been employed, the number of laborers and overlookers, directors, or superintendents, and the number of days, weeks, or months employed on such local works.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 28th March.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 29th March.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 83.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof. The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Friday, 30th March instant.
3. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855 in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 4th April next :—
“ *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Third reading.* ”
5. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Message was read by the Clerk. The Colonial Secretary moved “ that ” the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47. Mr. Fawkner moved the previous question. Debate ensued. Mr. Fawkner, by leave, withdrew the motion of the previous question. Mr. Strachan moved as an amendment—That all the words in the original motion after the word “ that ” be omitted, with a view to insert the words, “ the Council do now proceed to the next Order of the Day. ” Debate ensued. Mr. Miller moved that the further debate on this subject be now adjourned until to-morrow, and that it then take precedence of all other business. Debate ensued. Question—put. Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Myles,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Debate continued.

The Collector of Customs moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Question—put and negatived.

The Attorney General moved that the debate be now adjourned until to-morrow, to take precedence of all other business.

Question—put and passed.

6. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council on the Bill having been read, the Attorney General moved that “the” report be now adopted.

Mr. Harrison moved that all the words after the word “the” be omitted, with a view to insert the words “consideration of this Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday, 3rd April next.”

Mr. Harrison, by leave of the Council, withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Harrison then moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the re-consideration of this Bill.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 4th April next.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders be postponed as under :—

“*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*”—until Tuesday, 3rd April next.

“*Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*”—until to-morrow.

8. MEETING OF COUNCIL.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to amended notice—That the House at its rising adjourn till to-morrow at two o'clock P.M., and that during the remainder of the Session two o'clock shall be the hour for the commencement of business.

Debate ensued.

Notice having been taken that one-third of the Members exclusive of the Speaker were not present, the Speaker counted the House, and it appearing that one-third of the Members exclusive of the Speaker were not present—the Speaker adjourned the Council at twenty minutes past eight until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER.—Adjourned Debate on consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. LOAN BILL—Third reading.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL.

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1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 29th March.

LIQUORS' SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 3rd April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
 No. 84.

THURSDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. QUESTION OF ORDER.—Mr. Greeves having brought under the notice of the Council a Letter that appeared in the *Argus* newspaper of this day, signed "J. P. Fawkner"—on the motion of Mr. Griffith the letter was read by the Clerk.
 Mr. Greeves then moved, that comments by one Member of this House on the conduct of Members in this House, published in the public prints, are calculated to produce discord, and prove injurious to the public interests.
 Mr. Fawkner was heard, and withdrew from the House.
 Mr. Snodgrass moved, as an amendment, that the Orders of the Day be now read.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the Orders of the Day be now read—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council :—
 Gold.—Further Return of Gold deposited in the hands of Government which has been unclaimed for a period exceeding six months.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Postal Communication with the United Kingdom.—Copy Despatch from the Governor of New South Wales.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Gold Fields Commission of Enquiry.—Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the condition of the Gold Fields of Victoria.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER.—The Order of the Day for the adjourned debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47, having been read—
 Debate on the question—
 "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47, and on the amendment—
 That all the words in the original motion after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert the words, "The Council do now proceed to the next Order of the Day."—resumed.
5. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—
 GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.
 CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 53.*
Lieutenant Governor.
 In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
 "A Bill for granting Duties of Customs upon Gold exported from Victoria."
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1855.
 Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Friday, 30th March, 1855.
- GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.
 CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 54.*
Lieutenant Governor.
 In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of
 "A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields."
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1855.
 Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Friday, 30th March, 1855.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 55.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

" A Bill to further alter the Victoria Electoral Act of 1851, and to extend the number of Members of the Legislative Council."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Friday, 30th March, 1855.

MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 56.**Lieutenant Governor.*

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council for its consideration the draft of

" A Bill for the better regulation of Mining Partnerships."

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration Friday, 30th March, 1855.

ACTS OF COUNCIL.—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Message No. 57.**Lieutenant Governor.*

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, section 33, the Lieutenant Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated, in a Despatch dated 24th December, 1854, No. 49, that Her Majesty has been pleased to allow and confirm the Acts of Council of this Colony, passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, of which the numbers and titles are stated in the annexed list.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 29th March, 1855.*

No. 5.—*" An Act to legalize Partnerships with limited liability."*—21st December, 1853.

No. 15.—*" An Act to regulate Grants of Patents for Inventions in the Colony of Victoria."*—31st March, 1854.

No. 18.—*" An Act to authorize a Tonnage Duty on Shipping."*—8th April, 1854.

No. 27.—*" An Act for the Protection and Management of Wharfs."*—12th April, 1854.

Ordered to be printed.

G. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO MR. J. L. FOSTER—CONSIDERATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 47.—The debate on this subject, interrupted by the delivery of the above Messages, resumed.

Question—That the Council do now proceed to the next order of the day—put.
Council divided.

Ayes 22.

Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes 21.

Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Campbell,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Henty,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Annand,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

7. ORDER.—A point of order having been raised as to the effect of the above division in disposing of the Order of the day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47—On the motion of Mr. Fawcner the Council ordered such point of order to be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for consideration and report.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee ;”
“ Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;”
“ River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading ;”
“ Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.”
“ Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,”
“ Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading ;” and
“ Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.”
9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Chapman postponed the Notices of Motion standing in his name, Nos. 1 and 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow, to take precedence of all the other Orders of the Day :—
“ Temporary Accommodation for the Council—Consideration of the Report from Select Committee.”
- Council adjourned at a quarter to eight until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GOODMAN : To move for leave to suspend Standing Order No. 58, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition to the House, praying to be allowed to introduce a “ *Bill to incorporate a Company to be called the Melbourne Exchange Company.*”
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
3. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will take instant measures to relieve His Government from the odium cast upon it by some person said to be in the service of the Government, in the very despotic and lawless manner in which certain lands in the parish of Doutta Galla, near the township of Essendon, have been let for the purpose of cultivation, contrary to the custom and law of this land as laid down in the Orders in Council. And that this Council cannot regard any pecuniary return for such violation of law as any palliation or vindication in any shape whatever.
4. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
5. MR. MILLER : To move for leave to bring in a “ *Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Company,*” and,
Contingent on this Bill being read a first time, to move, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Snodgrass, and the Mover.
6. MR. FAWKNER : To move for leave to bring in a “ *Bill to amend the Roads Act in the matter of the distance at which it shall be lawful to erect Toll Gates and levy Tolls.*”

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE COUNCIL—Consideration of the Report from Select Committee.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS—Motion for Address to be further considered in Committee.
4. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
5. SOAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. LOAN BILL—Third reading.
7. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 53.
8. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 54.
9. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 55.
10. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 56.
11. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
12. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
13. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
14. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
15. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.
16. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House the following Returns:—
 - (1.) The quantities of land sold at Sandridge and Williamstown, respectively, with the sums obtained by each sale; yearly accounts of each.
 - (2.) The amounts expended at each place for the various public works, inclusive of the value of forced labor (if any); and shewing where such labor has been employed, the number of laborers and overlookers, directors, or superintendents, and the number of days, weeks, or months employed on such local works.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. CHAPMAN: To move, That the House do allow necessary Standing Orders, 59 and 60, to be suspended, in order to permit the Mover to move for leave to bring in a private Bill.
4. MR. CHAPMAN: To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 3rd April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 85.

FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from certain Members of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying the Council would bestow upon the subject of Steam Postal Communication the best consideration, and adopt such measures as, taken in conjunction with those suggested by the adjoining Colonies, might be sufficient to afford us advantages of regular and rapid communication with those countries with which our social and commercial intercourse is principally connected.
Petition received.
3. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY.—Mr. Goodman moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to suspend Standing Order No. 58, with a view to allow the presentation of a Petition to the House, praying to be allowed to introduce "*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Melbourne Exchange Company.'*"
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Goodman presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Melbourne Exchange Company, praying that leave might be given to bring in "*A Bill for the incorporation of a Company called 'The Melbourne Exchange Company.'*"
Petition received.
4. POSTAL COMMUNICATION.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of improving the postal communication with the United Kingdom.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, recommending that steps be taken by the Government of Victoria forthwith to restore Steam Communication to this Colony—the Council adopted such report.
5. PETITIONS.—Mr. Miller presented Petitions from the Clergymen and Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, resident in the undermentioned Ecclesiastical parishes, praying that the Bill to make provision for public education might be passed into law, viz. :—
St. Paul's, Melbourne;
St. James's, Newtown, Geelong;
Bellarine and Pawit;
St. Paul's, Geelong;
Gipps' Land;
Winchelsea, County of Grant;
Brighton;
Ballaarat;
Kilmore.
Petitions received.
Mr. Smith presented from certain inhabitants of Sandridge, in the county of Bourke, and City of Melbourne, Lonsdale Ward, praying the Council would give the subject referred to in the Petition (respecting the formation of the metalled road from the City of Melbourne to Sandridge, and the extension of the Government Jetty), due consideration.
Petition received.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Taylor, on behalf of Mr. Campbell, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Campbell, No. 4 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 13th April next.

7. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the South Yarra Water Works Company.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Miller then brought in a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company, called The South Yarra Water Works Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned;*" and moved it be read a first time.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Miller then moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Surveyor General, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Sargood, Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Snodgrass, and the Mover.

Question—put and passed.

8. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF THE COUNCIL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee of this Council on this subject having been read—Mr. Greeves moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the recommendations contained in such Report.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he would take the necessary measures for providing temporary accommodation for the Legislative Council, having due regard to the views of the Select Committee, and that he will be pleased to place a further sum of £15,000 on the Estimates for 1855, (in all £25,000) towards the erection of the permanent buildings for accommodation of the Legislature—the Council adopted such report.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

"*Estimates for 1855—To be further considered in Committee*"—until Tuesday, 3rd April next, to take precedence of all other business on that day.

"*Medical Practitioners Registration Bill—Second reading;*" and

"*Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading;*" until Friday, 13th April next.

"*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*"

"*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading;*"

"*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading;*" and

"*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*" until Wednesday, 11th April next.

"*Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading;*" until Thursday, 12th April next; and

"*Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*" until Wednesday, 4th April next.

10. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS.—The Council ordered that the further consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, viz.:—£1000 for the salary and expenses of the Government Botanist; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Economic Geology; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Natural History; £750 to defray the salaries and contingencies of a Geological Surveyor's Department; and £200 for the Compilation of Meteorological Tables at Melbourne, Shortland's Bluff, and Cape Otway, and purchase of Instruments be referred to the Committee of the whole Council upon the Estimates.
11. LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the acting Solicitor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Wednesday, 4th April next.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
12. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 53, having been read—On the Motion of the Colonial Secretary the Message was read by the Clerk.
- The Colonial Secretary then moved—That the Bill accompanying this Message, intituled, "*A Bill for granting Duties of Customs upon Gold exported from Victoria,*" be now read a first time.
- Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be printed, and read a second time, Tuesday, 3rd April next.

13. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 54, having been read—On the motion of the Acting Solicitor General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Acting Solicitor General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be printed, and read a second time, Wednesday, 11th April next.
14. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 55, having been read—On the motion of the Acting Solicitor General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Acting Solicitor General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill to further alter 'The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851,' and to extend 'the number of Members of the Legislative Council,'*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be printed, and read a second time, Wednesday, 4th April next.
15. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 56, having been read—On the motion of the Acting Solicitor General the Message was read by the Clerk. The Acting Solicitor General then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled, "*A Bill for the better regulation of Mining Partnerships,*" be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be printed, and read a second time, Wednesday, 11th April next.
- Council adjourned at twelve minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855
 2. SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS
- } To be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House the following Returns :—
 - (1.) The quantities of land sold at Sandridge and Williamstown, respectively, with the sums obtained by each sale ; yearly accounts of each.
 - (2.) The amounts expended at each place for the various public works, inclusive of the value of forced labor (if any) ; and shewing where such labor has been employed, the number of laborers and overlookers, directors, or superintendents, and the number of days, weeks, or months employed on such local works.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the House do allow necessary Standing Orders, 59 and 60, to be suspended, in order to permit the Mover to move for leave to bring in a private Bill.
4. MR. CHAPMAN : To move for leave to bring in a "*Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"
5. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That the "*Roads Act Amendment Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
3. LOAN BILL—Third reading.
4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
5. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
2. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—Second reading.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—Second reading.
5. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL.—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 3rd April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

STANDING ORDERS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 86.

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

ACT OF COUNCIL—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Lieutenant Governor.**Message No. 58.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, the copy of a Despatch (with its enclosure) dated 23rd December, 1854, No. 48, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, wherein is notified Her Majesty's approval and allowance of the Act of Council of this Colony, passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the Post Office.*"

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 3rd April, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, together with its Despatch and Enclosure.

3. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Horne, on behalf of the Speaker, the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, brought up the report from that Committee respecting the effect of the division in the Council on the 29th March last, in disposing of the Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 47, and moved that it be received and read.
Question—put and passed.—Report read and ordered to be printed.
Mr. Horne then moved that the Report be adopted, and the Order for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47, be restored to the Paper.
Question—put and passed.
4. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Auditor General, the Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—
Retiring Allowance to Mr. J. L. Foster.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 47.
5. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855, and of the proposed vote for Scientific Establishments having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress on the Estimates for 1855, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
The Chairman having also reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the following sums, viz. :—£1000 for the salary and expenses of the Government Botanist; £2000 towards the establishment of a Museum of Natural History and of Economic Geology; and £200 for the Compilation of Meteorological Tables at Melbourne, Shortland's Bluff, and Cape Otway, and purchase of Instruments—the Council adopted such Report.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Auditor General, the Council ordered that Standing Order, No. 18, be suspended.
7. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—The Auditor General moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for 1854.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 11th April instant.

8. SALE OF LAND AT SANDRIDGE AND WILLIAMSTOWN.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the Council the following Returns, viz. :—

- (1.) The amount paid to the Government by the sale of land at Sandridge and Williamstown respectively.
- (2.) The amount expended by the Government at Sandridge, on piers and wharf accommodation.
- (3.) The amount expended at Williamstown on piers (the stone piers included), and inclusive of prison labor.

Question—put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison postponed Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 13th April instant.

10. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That the House do allow necessary Standing Orders, 59 and 60, to be suspended, in order to permit the Mover to move for leave to bring in a private Bill. Debate ensued.

Notice having been taken that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present, the Speaker counted the House, and it appearing that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present—the Speaker adjourned the Council at six minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
4. LOAN BILL—Third reading.
5. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
6. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
6. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE:

Wednesday, 4th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 87.

 WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council ordered that Standing Orders Nos. 18 and 33 be suspended.
The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Council do, at its rising this day, adjourn until Wednesday, 11th April instant.
Mr. Snodgrass moved, as an amendment, that the words "Wednesday, 11th" be omitted, with a view to insert "Tuesday, 17th" in lieu thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.
Question—That the Council do, at its rising this day, adjourn until Wednesday, 11th April instant—put and passed.
3. ORDERS OF THE DAY RESTORED TO PAPER.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council then ordered that the following Orders of the Day be restored to the Paper for consideration, as under :—
 - " *Consideration of the Petition from Sizar Elliott.*"
 - " *Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*"
 - " *Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report*"—on Wednesday, 11th April instant.
 - " *Gold Export Duty Bill.—Second reading*"—on this day.
4. ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the Estimates for 1855 having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 11th April instant.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 11th April instant :—
 - " *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—Third reading.*"
 - " *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*"
 - " *Loan Bill—Third reading.*"
 - " *Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading.*"
 - " *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.*"
6. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.—The Collector of Customs moved that this Bill be "now" read a second "time."
Mr. Cole moved, as an amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, and that the words "this day week" be added after the word "time."
Debate ensued.
Question that the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 17.
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Keenedy,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 4.
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee, Wednesday, 11th April instant.
 Council adjourned at half-past four until three o'clock on Wednesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855
2. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 } To be further considered in Committee.
3. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. INTERSTATE STATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
7. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
10. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
11. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
12. LOAN BILL—Third reading.
13. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
14. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
15. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—To be considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COLE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House any information he may have relative to the late contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for conveyance of mails to and from England and Australia, more especially as to the amount paid, the time taken, the places to call at, and the amount saved by the discontinuance of the bi-monthly mail. Also, whether in the event of any other Company carrying the mails to and from Ceylon, the Peninsular and Oriental Company would be bound to carry them to and from Ceylon to England, and at what rate would the Peninsular and Oriental Company be paid for such conveyance.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That "*The Roads Act Amendment Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 88.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the several Orders of the Day—Government Business—be postponed until after the consideration of the other business on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY—CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.—Mr. Cole moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House any information he may have relative to the late contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Company for conveyance of mails to and from England and Australia, more especially as to the amount paid, the time taken, the places to call at, and the amount saved by the discontinuance of the bi-monthly mail : also, whether in the event of any other Company carrying the mails to and from Ceylon, the Peninsular and Oriental Company would be bound to carry them to and from Ceylon to England, and at what rate would the Peninsular and Oriental Company be paid for such conveyance : also a return of all newspapers and letters (distinguishing the number of each) brought or carried to or from any of the Colonies by the Peninsular and Oriental Company for the year 1854.
Question—put and passed.
4. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to notice, that the Roads Act amendment Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Fawcner the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again, Tuesday, 17th April instant.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
 - “ Consideration of the Petition from Sizar Elliott ”—until Wednesday, 18th April instant;
 - “ Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee ; ”—and
 - “ Estimates for 1855 } To be further considered in Committee ”—
 - “ Supplementary Estimates for 1854 } until to-morrow ;
 - “ Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ; ”
 - “ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading ; ”
 - “ Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ; ”
 - “ River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading ; ”
 - “ Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading ; ” and
 - “ Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ; ” until Friday, 13th April instant.
6. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of the Attorney General the Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole upon this Bill, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Tuesday, 17th April instant.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 13th April instant.
8. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

9. **LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading* ”—until Tuesday, 17th April instant; and
“ *Post Office Act amendment Bill—Adoption of Report* ”—until Friday, 13th April instant.
11. **GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration, Friday, 13th April instant.
Council adjourned at four minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855
2. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 } To be further considered in Committee.
3. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
5. LOAN BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

1. **MR. FAWKNER :** To ask Mr. Griffith (President of the Water and Sewerage Commission)—
 - (1.) Have either Mr. Lanktree or Mr. Jackson (officers in your department) made any charges against any person or persons in the said department?
 - (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?
 - (3.) Have either of the abovenamed persons charged the other; or have they each brought charges against the other?
 - (4.) If so, have these charges been examined into—have they been proved, or failed in proof?
 - (5.) Have both these men, after making charges against each other, been retained in the Government service?
 - (6.) Or have either or both of them been dismissed.
 - (7.) Who held the inquiry, if one was held upon these men. Was bribery one of the charges?

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. CHAPMAN :** To move, That the House do allow the necessary Standing Orders (59 and 60) to be suspended, in order to permit him to move for leave to bring in a private Bill.

CONTINGENT ON SUCH SUSPENSION :—

MR. CHAPMAN : To move for leave to bring in “ *A Bill to amend an Act intituled, ‘An Act “ to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain “ Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes “ therein mentioned.’ ”* ”

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. CAMPBELL :** To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. FELLOWS: To move, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to appoint Commissioners to enquire and report how far the practice and mode of procedure in the Superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster may be adopted and applied to the Supreme Court at Melbourne.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
5. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
7. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
10. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
11. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 12th April.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 89.

THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Strachan presented a Petition from certain Members of the Chamber of Commerce and others, being merchants, shipowners, burgesses or landowners in the Town of Geelong and in the County of Grant, praying for the establishment of a Harbor Trust, on the liberal and comprehensive principles which they have recommended for adoption by the Government.
Petition received.
Mr. Fyfe presented a Petition, under the corporate seal of the Town of Geelong, from the Mayor, Aldermen, Town Councillors, Burgesses, and Ratepayers of the Town of Geelong, and County of Grant, praying the Council would be pleased to grant the justice asked for Geelong, by allowing the Board of Geelong Harbor Trust to possess all the powers contained in their Committee's amended Bill, and that the Council would see the necessity of ordering the Harbor Master and Pilots to be under the control of the Board.
Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

“ Estimates for 1855	} To be further considered in Committee”—
“ Supplementary Estimates for 1854	} until to-morrow;
“ Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading;”	} until Wednesday, 18th April instant.
4. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without further amendment, the Council agreed to the Bill as reported, and ordered the same to be read a third time to-morrow.
5. LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, on the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time after the disposal of the other business on the paper for to-day.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, that the House do allow the necessary Standing Orders (59 and 60), to be suspended, in order to permit him to move for leave to bring in a private Bill.
Question—put and passed.
7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, for leave to bring in “A Bill to amend an Act intituled, ‘An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned.’”
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Chapman having brought up such Bill, moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.
8. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 17th April instant.
9. LOAN BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, on the motion of the Attorney General the Bill was read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
“An Act to authorize the raising a Sum of Money for certain Public Works.”
Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at thirteen minutes past six until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL.

1. MR. FAWKNER: To ask Mr. Griffith (President of the Water and Sewerage Commission)—
- (1.) Have either Mr. Lanktree or Mr. Jackson (officers in your department) made any charges against any person or persons in the said department?
 - (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?
 - (3.) Have either of the abovenamed persons charged the other; or have they each brought charges against the other?
 - (4.) If so, have these charges been examined into—have they been proved, or failed in proof?
 - (5.) Have both these men, after making charges against each other, been retained in the Government service?
 - (6.) Or have either or both of them been dismissed?
 - (7.) Who held the inquiry, if one was held upon these men. Was bribery one of the charges?

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a percentage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
3. MR. FELLOWS: To move, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to appoint Commissioners to enquire and report how far the practice and mode of procedure in the Superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster may be adopted and applied to the Supreme Court at Melbourne.
4. MR. FYFE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1855, the sum of £2500, towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.
5. MR. STRACHAN: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th April, from the members of the Chamber of Commerce at Geelong, shipowners, and others, be printed and taken into consideration on the second reading of "*The Geelong Harbor Trust Bill*."
6. MR. FYFE: To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th April, from the Corporation of the Town of Geelong, be printed and taken into consideration on the second reading of the "*Geelong Harbor Trust Bill*."

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855
 2. SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854
 3. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL—Second reading.
 4. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
 7. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 8. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
 9. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
 10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
 11. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
 12. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
 13. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Adoption of Report.
 14. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.
- } To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE AUDITOR GENERAL: To move for leave to bring in " *A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the Revenue receivable in Victoria to the Service thereof for the year 1855 and for further appropriating the said Revenue.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 13th April.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 17th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th April.

SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS BILL—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 90.

FRIDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT OF BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the—
“*Loan Bill.*”
3. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a petition from certain inhabitants, being householders resident on Emerald Hill, South Melbourne, praying the Council to receive and take the petition into consideration, and, in consequence of the extraordinary conduct of the Melbourne Corporation in not consenting to the constitution of Emerald Hill and area comprehended within the boundaries described in the petition, in terms of the Act 18 Victoria, No. 15, to allow the petitioners to introduce into the Council a Bill to amend said Act, in so far as regards the necessity of obtaining such consent, or to repeal the 4th and 5th sections of the said Act, so as to authorise His Excellency to dispense with the consent of the Melbourne Corporation, and to proclaim the district of Emerald Hill into a separate municipality under the Act 18 Victoria, No. 15, in as far as unrepealed, and to define the limits and boundaries accordingly, and to do otherwise in this application as the Council should deem meet.
Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Snodgrass, on behalf of Mr. Campbell, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Campbell, No. 1 on the notice paper of to-day, until Tuesday, 24th April instant; and Mr. Harrison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 2 on the notice paper of to-day, until Friday, 20th April instant.
5. COMMON LAW PRACTICE.—Mr. Fellows moved, pursuant to notice, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to appoint Commissioners to enquire and report how far the practice and mode of procedure in the Superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster may be adopted and applied to the Supreme Court at Melbourne.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Chapman,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Snodgrass,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

6. **MECHANICS INSTITUTION GEELONG.**—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics Institution at Geelong.
 Question—put and passed.
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 27th April instant.
7. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th April, from the members of the Chamber of Commerce at Geelong, shipowners, and others, be printed and taken into consideration on the second reading of "*The Geelong Harbor Trust Bill.*"
 Question—put and passed.
8. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th April, from the Corporation of the Town of Geelong, be printed and taken into consideration on the second reading of the "*Geelong Harbor Trust Bill.*"
 Question—put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 18th April instant :—

" <i>Estimates for 1855</i>	}	<i>To be further considered in Committee.</i> "
" <i>Supplementary Estimates for 1854</i>		
10. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION BILL.**—Mr. Chapman moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, and that the words "this day six months" be added after the word "time."
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
 Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and passed.
 Question—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

" <i>Scab Act Amendment Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	until Friday, 20th April instant.
" <i>Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	and
" <i>Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	until Tuesday, 17th April instant.
" <i>Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	
" <i>River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	
" <i>Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	and
" <i>Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading ;</i> "	until Thursday, 19th April instant.
" <i>Post Office Act amendment Bill—Adoption of Report</i> "	and
" <i>Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Third reading ;</i> "	until Tuesday, 17th April instant.
12. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 17th April instant.
13. **GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.**—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 17th April instant.
14. **PAPERS.**—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Survey of the Mouth of the Barwon—Return to Address adopted on the 6th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Wills.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
 The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Sale of Land at Sandridge and Williamstown—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Fawkner, 3rd April, 1855.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Council adjourned at six minutes past five o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. THE AUDITOR GENERAL : To move for leave to bring in " *A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the Revenue receivable in Victoria to the Service thereof for the year 1855 and for further appropriating the said Revenue.*"
2. MR. O'SHANASSY : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th of April, from certain Inhabitants residing at Emerald Hill, be printed.
3. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, For leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to be called the "Melbourne Exchange Company."
Contingent on the Bill being read a first time : To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Collector of Customs, the Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Hodgson, and the Mover.
4. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, " *An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled An Act to incorporate a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*" be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Honorable the Collector of Customs, Mr. Miller, Mr. Horne, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
4. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
9. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Third reading.
10. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the " *Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
- (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 17th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 18th April.

SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS BILL—at 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 91.

TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—
 - Postal Communication.—Adopted on the 30th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Greeves ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that measures had been already taken to comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council in this matter.
 - Temporary Accommodation of the Council.—Adopted on the 30th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Greeves ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council, and cause the sum to be placed on the Estimates.
 - Scientific Establishments.—Adopted on the 3rd April, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Greeves ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the wishes of the Legislative Council should be complied with.
 - Sale of Land at Sandridge and Williamstown.—Adopted on the 3rd April, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawkner ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Returns should be furnished in compliance with the wishes of the Council.
 - Peninsular and Oriental Company.—Conveyance of Mails.—Adopted on the 11th April, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Cole ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that such portions of this information as he was enabled to furnish should be laid before the Legislative Council.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Hodgson presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers of the Colony of Victoria, praying for the same law to be in operation here as that allowed by the Home Government in England, and that the Petitioners sought it for the convenience of travellers and the public, and the putting down sly grog selling.
Petition received.
Mr. Beaver presented a Petition from certain Landholders, Merchants, Farmers, and others in and around Belfast, at Port Fairy, praying that the Council would take the important question set forth in the Petition into consideration, and grant such relief as might to the Council seem just.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers :—
 - Henry James Stonor, Esq.—Copies of Correspondence relating to case of.
Ordered to be printed.
 - Screw Steamer, Dredging Vessel, &c.—Further correspondence, with Copy of Drawing, Specification, &c.
Correspondence and Specification ordered to be printed and Drawing ordered to be lithographed.
 - The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council,
Survey of the Mouth of the Barwon—Report of Surveyor.—Further Return to Address adopted on the 6th February, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Wills.
Ordered to be printed.
5. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Auditor General having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in the Appropriation Bill for the year 1855, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for applying certain Sums arising from the Revenue receivable in Victoria to the Service thereof for the year 1855, and for further appropriating the said Revenue,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time Wednesday, 25th April instant.

6. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTION ACT.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th of April, from certain Inhabitants residing at Emerald Hill, be printed.
Question—put and passed.
7. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring the Bill for Incorporating the Melbourne Exchange Company.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Nicholson then brought in a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for the Incorporation of a Company called 'The Melbourne Exchange Company,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.
Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Collector of Customs, the Surveyor General, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Hodgson, and the Mover.
Question—put and passed.
8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to amend 'an Act intituled An Act to incorporate a certain Banking Company called the 'Bank of New South Wales, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*" be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Honorable the Collector of Customs, Mr. Miller, Mr. Horne, Mr. A'Beckett, and the Mover.
Question—put and passed.
9. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof. The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 24th April instant.
10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
"*Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Third Reading;*" until to-morrow.
"*Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading;*" until Friday, 20th April instant.
11. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1854—1855.
CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 59.*
Lieutenant Governor.
The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1855, and additional Supplementary Estimates for the year 1854.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 17th April, 1855.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying additional Estimates, and taken into consideration to-morrow
- PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The above Message having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
"*Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*"
"*Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading;*" until Friday, 20th April instant.
"*Post Office Act amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*" and
"*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Third reading;*" until to-morrow.
12. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
15. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
- Council adjourned at five minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That a Committee be appointed to consider the correspondence relating to the appointment of Henry James Stonor, Esq., as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and the claim of Mr. Stonor to compensation on his appointment being cancelled.—2nd. That such Committee consist of the Attorney General, the Collector of Customs, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Horne, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. O'Shanassy, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 59.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL—Second reading.
4. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
5. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
6. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
7. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Third reading.
8. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

1. MR. MILLER: To ask the Collector of Customs what quantity of opium has been imported into this Colony within the last twelve months, the quantity imported in each month, and whether it is anticipated that the Chinese immigration will cause an increased importation of opium.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HODGSON: To move, That the Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers in Victoria, presented by him to this House on the 17th April, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting to consider the laws relating to the sale of spirituous liquors.
2. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Council Table, Copies of the Charges made by Mr. Jackson against Mr. Lanktree, Officers of the Water and Sewerage Commission, with the reply of Mr. Lanktree, and the replication (if any) of Mr. Jackson, and the decision of the Commissioners upon these charges and counter charges.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION OF SIZAR ELLIOTT.
2. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

1. MR. O'SHANASSY: To ask the Colonial Secretary what course the Government intend to pursue in regard to the destruction of property belonging to persons in Ballaarat, as recommended by the Gold Fields Commission of Inquiry.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN to move: That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*," be read a second time.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "*An Act for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
3. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 18th April.

SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS BILL—at 11 o'clock.
LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 19th April.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—at 11 o'clock.
MELBOURNE EXCHANGE BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 92.

WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from Henry Pickering, Charles Garratt, Richard Pound, Michael Phelan, and James Daniel Short, praying the Council would take the application set forth in the Petition into serious and kind consideration, that they might receive respectively the sums due to each of them, as the Petitioners were not only deprived of receiving their just dues and prudent savings, but at the same time thrown out of employment.
Petition received.
Mr. Pohlman presented a Petition from certain Ministers of the different branches of the Protestant Church in this Colony, praying the Council to take the statements set forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and to adopt a standing rule to follow the example of the English Parliament, of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, and of the recently formed Council of the sister Colony, the Cape of Good Hope, by opening the assemblies of the Council with a service of prayer for the presence, direction, and blessing of that God who is at once the Supreme Law Giver and the Righteous Judge of all the earth.
Petition received.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from John Meehosk, praying the Council would take the case as set forth in the Petition into consideration.
Petition received.
Mr. Miller presented a Petition from certain Clergymen and Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, resident in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Richmond, praying that the Bill to make provision for Public Education now before the Council might be passed into law.
Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the Notice of Motion and Orders of the Day, Government business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, be postponed until after the consideration of the other business on the Paper for to-day.
4. LIQUORS SALE LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers in Victoria, presented by him to this House on the 17th April, be printed and referred to the Select Committee now sitting to consider the laws relating to the sale of spirituous liquors.
Question—put and passed.
5. WATER AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Council Table, Copies of the Charges made by Mr. Jackson against Mr. Lanktree, Officers of the Water and Sewerage Commission, with the reply of Mr. Lanktree, and the replication (if any) of Mr. Jackson, and the decision of the Commissioners upon these charges and counter-charges.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—
“*Consideration of the Petition of Sizar Elliott.*”
7. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—Mr. Miller moved that this Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 18.
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Russell,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

8. H. J. STONOR, Esq.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That a Committee be appointed to consider the correspondence relating to the appointment of Henry James Stonor, Esq., as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and the claim of Mr. Stonor to compensation on his appointment being cancelled.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

9. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 59, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council ordered that the Additional Estimates and Supplementary Estimates accompanying such Message be referred for consideration to the Committee of the whole Council upon the Estimates for 1855 and Supplementary Estimates for 1854.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“*Estimates for 1855* }
 “*Supplementary Estimates for 1854* } *To be further considered in Committee.*”
 “*Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1854* }
 “*Additional Estimates for 1855* } *To be considered in Committee.*”

11. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Notice having been taken that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present, the Speaker counted the House, and it appearing that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present, the Speaker adjourned the Council at fourteen minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be considered in Committee.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
5. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

General Business:—

1. MR. O'SHANASSY: To ask the Colonial Secretary what course the Government intend to pursue in regard to the destruction of property belonging to persons in Ballaarat, as recommended by the Gold Fields Commission of Inquiry.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CHAPMAN: To move, That the “*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill,*” be read a second time.

2. MR. POHLMAN: To move, That the Petition from the Ministers of the different branches of the Protestant Church in this Colony, presented by him to this House on the 18th of April, be printed.

Memo. of Orders of the Day not called on prior to the Council being counted out, 18th April:—

IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL—Third reading.

PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "*An Act for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.*"

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
3. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CAMPBELL: To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 19th April.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—at 11 o'clock.
MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—at 12 o'clock.
LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 1 o'clock.

Friday, 20th April.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 93.

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18, be suspended.
3. RESTORATION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY TO THE PAPER.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs, the Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be restored to the Paper for consideration, as under—
 - “ *Customs Laws Amendment Bill—To be further re-considered in Committee;*”
 - “ *Gold Export Duties Bill—Third reading*”—this day.
 - “ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Third reading;*”
 - “ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report;*” and
 - “ *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill—Third reading*”—to-morrow.
4. PAPERS.—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 - Reserves of Crown Land.—Return to Address adopted on the 8th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Campbell.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. RESTORATION OF ORDER OF THE DAY TO THE PAPER.—On the motion of Mr. Fyfe, the Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be restored to the Paper for consideration this day:—
 - “ *Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading.*”
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
 - “ *Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1854 and Additional Estimates for 1855—To be considered in Committee;*” and
 - “ *Estimates for 1855 and Supplementary Estimates for 1854.—To be further considered in Committee;*” until to-morrow;” and
 - “ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*”
 - “ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading;*”
 - “ *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading;*” and
 - “ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*” until Wednesday, 25th April instant.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Chapman postponed the motion standing in his name, General Business, No 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Thursday, 26th April instant.
8. OPENING OF COUNCIL WITH PRAYER.—Mr. Miller, on behalf of Mr. Pohlman, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Pohlman—that the Petition from the Ministers of the different branches of the Protestant Church in this Colony, presented by him to this House on the 18th of April, be printed.
 - Question—put and passed.
9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration thereof.
 - The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 24th April instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
10. GOLD EXPORT DUTIES BILL.—The Speaker having announced to the Council that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—The Collector of Customs moved, “ *that*” this Bill be now read a third time.
 - Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “ *that*” be omitted, with a view to insert the words, “ *the Speaker do now leave the chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.*”

Debate ensued.

Question—that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 18.
The Attorney General,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Strachan,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 7.
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 17.
The Attorney General,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Strachan,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 6.
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Question—That this Bill do now pass—put and passed.

The Collector of Customs moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—"An Act for granting Duties of 'Customs' upon Gold exported from Victoria."

Mr. Mollison moved, as an amendment, That the words "by assessment" be inserted after the word "Customs."

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

Question—That the following be the title of the Bill:—"An Act for granting Duties of 'Customs' upon Gold exported from Victoria"—put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
"Geelong Harbor Trust Bill.—Second reading."
Council adjourned at fourteen minutes past six until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill" be now read a second time.
2. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be considered in Committee.
2. ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
8. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
9. PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.
10. GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.
2. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be read a second time.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 20th April.

MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—at 10 o'clock.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL—at 12 o'clock.

Tuesday, 24th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 94.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILL.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to
“ The Gold Export Duty Bill.”
3. PETITION.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain landowners and householders of East Collingwood, praying the Council would take immediate steps upon the important clauses of the Municipal Institutions Act referred to in the Petition, and pass a Bill to give the Executive power to enable the Petitioners to obtain the boundary prayed for and gazetted.
 Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 27th instant.
5. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill, intituled, *“ A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.’ ”*
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
 Mr. O'Shanassy having brought up a Bill, intituled, *“ A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria,’ ”* moved that it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be printed and read a second time Tuesday, 24th April instant.
6. ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854 AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855—ESTIMATES FOR 1855 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1854.—The Orders of the Day for the consideration of the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1854 and Additional Estimates for 1855, and for the further consideration of the Estimates for 1855 and Supplementary Estimates for 1854, having been read—On the motion of the Auditor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of these Estimates.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 25th April instant.
7. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Forlonge moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
 On the motion of Mr. Forlonge, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 25th April instant.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under—
“ Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading; ”—until Thursday, 26th April instant.
“ Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading; ” and
“ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading; ”—until Friday, 27th April instant.
“ Impounding Law Amendment Bill—Third reading; ” and
“ Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report; ”—until Tuesday, 24th April instant.

9. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Wednesday, 25th April instant, to take precedence of all other business on that day.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 25th April instant, and that it then take precedence of all other Orders excepting the Order for the third reading of the "*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill*":—

"Geelong Harbor Trust Bill.—Second reading."

Council adjourned at five minutes past seven until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.

1. **M. McCULLOCH** : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session constituting a Trust for the management of the River Yarra and Port of Melbourne.
2. **MR. CHAPMAN** : To ask the Colonial Secretary whether the Government is prepared to pay any sum of money to the trustees of the Brighton General Cemetery, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in December last to carry out the provisions of the 17 Victoria, No. 12, such payment being provided for by the 4th section of the Act.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. CAMPBELL** : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
2. **MR. CHAPMAN** : To move, That the House do take into consideration the Petition of Capt. Mechok, presented by the mover on Wednesday last.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**—Adoption of Report.
3. **MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
4. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.
5. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL**—Third reading.
2. **GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST BILL**—Second reading.
3. **ESTIMATES**—To be further considered in Committee.
4. **APPROPRIATION BILL**—Second reading.
5. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
7. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL**—Second reading.
8. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be read a second time.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 24th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY BILL—at 11 o'clock.

LIQUORS SALE LAWS—at 12 o'clock.

Thursday, 26th April.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 95.

TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from the Merchants and Traders connected in trade with the Gold Fields, praying that the present Escort system might be maintained, and the charge for escorting the Gold from any field be entirely distinct from the Export Duty, and that the said duty should be collected by the Customs Department upon the Gold being actually shipped.
Petition received.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from certain persons styling themselves Delegates from the local Committees of Emerald Hill, Sandridge, East Collingwood, and Richmond, praying the Council would be pleased, for the reasons set forth in the Petition, to pass the Bill now before the Council, to repeal or amend the 4th clause of the Act 18 Vict., No. 15, in so far as the consent of the Corporation of Melbourne is required for the operation of that Act.
Petition received.
3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read:—
FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.
CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 60.*
Lieutenant Governor.
The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1855.
Government Offices,
Melbourne, 24th April, 1855.
Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain owners of property and ratepayers at Emerald Hill, praying the Council to refuse its assent to the Bill recently introduced to amend the Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.
Petition received.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Council ordered that Standing Order, No. 18, be suspended.
6. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Greeves then moved that the Petition presented by him this day be taken into consideration with the third Order for consideration this day.
Question—put and passed.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Chapman, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended.
8. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman then moved that the Petition presented by him this day be taken into consideration with the third Order for consideration this day.
Question—put and passed.
9. LIQUORS SALE LAWS COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General, on behalf of the Colonial Secretary, Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council appointed to frame and report on a general measure to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.—Report ordered to be printed, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Copies of Minutes of Evidence, and Draft Bill.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.**—Mr. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 27th April instant; and Mr. Chapman postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 2, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.
11. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Speaker resumed the Chair.
12. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 27th April instant :—
“ *Municipal Institutions Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
14. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 27th April instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
15. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
- Council adjourned at thirteen minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL :** To move, That the Report from the Committee on the Sale of Liquors Laws be taken into consideration, and that the “ *Bill to regulate the sale of “ Fermented and Spirituous Liquors”* ” be now read a first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL**—Third reading.
2. **GEE LONG HARBOR TRUST BILL**—Second reading.
3. **FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855**—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 60.
4. **ESTIMATES**—To be further considered in Committee.
5. **APPROPRIATION BILL**—Second reading.
6. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
7. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
8. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL**—Second reading.
9. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
10. **SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
11. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.
12. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Adoption of Report.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. CHAPMAN :** To move, That the House do take into consideration the Petition of Capt. Mechosk, presented by the mover on Wednesday last.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL**—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. CHAPMAN :** To move, That the “ *Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill* ” be read a second time.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
4. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 25th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 26th April.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 96.

 WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a petition from certain landholders and householders of Sandridge, praying the Council to pass into Law the "*Bill to amend the Municipal Institutions Act*" as speedily as the forms of Council will permit.
Petition received.
Mr. Greeves presented a petition from certain Licensed Victuallers of Melbourne and its vicinity, praying for leave to be heard by their counsel; and that the Council would appoint a day when it would please the Council to listen to them; and they venture to believe, that upon a full hearing of the just complaints of the petitioners, the Council would so frame the contemplated Law for regulating the Sale of Liquors, as to obviate the grievances under which they at present labor.
Petition received.
3. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS BILL.—Mr. Miller, as Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred for consideration and report, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the ten first Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other Government business for to-day.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Miller presented a Petition from the Chairman and certain of the Shareholders of the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, praying that so many of the Standing Orders of this Council as relate to the bringing in of Private Bills might be suspended, and that the Petitioners might have leave to present a Petition to bring in a Private Bill for the purposes mentioned in the Petition.
Petition received.
6. LIQUORS SALE LAWS.—The Attorney General moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—That the Report from the Select Committee on this subject be now read.
Question—put and passed.—Report read by the Clerk.
7. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General then moved, pursuant to notice—That the Bill to regulate the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Wednesday, 2nd May next.
8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman, as Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred for consideration, brought up the report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.
9. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read, the Collector of Customs moved—"That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Annand moved, as an amendment—That all the words after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert the words "the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed.
Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

10. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **PUBLIC DISTURBANCES PREVENTION BILL.**—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be “now” read a third “time.”
Mr. Harrison moved, as an amendment—That the word “now” be omitted, and that the words “this day six months” be added after the word “time.”
Question—that the word “now” proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 6.

Mr. Wills,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill do now pass—put and *passed.*

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill,—

“*An Act to provide for the prevention of Disturbances of the Public Peace in Victoria.*”

Question—put and passed.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“*Geelong Harbor Trust Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow.
“*Further Additional Estimates for 1855—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Message No. 60.*”
“*Estimates—To be further considered in Committee,*” and
“*Appropriation Bill—Second reading,*” until Friday, 27th April instant, to take precedence of all other business on that day.
“*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow.
“*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
“*Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading,*” and
“*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,*” until Tuesday, 1st May next, and
“*Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*” until to-morrow.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Fawkner, on behalf of Mr. Chapman, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Chapman on the Notice Paper of to-day, until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at seven minutes to six o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL**—Second reading.
2. **CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.
3. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.
4. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL**—Second reading.
5. **INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.

General Business :—

1. **MR. HORNE :** To ask the Colonial Secretary if His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will lay on the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence (if any) between the late Lieutenant Governor of this Colony and the Governor of Hong Kong, relating to the Chinese Immigration into Victoria.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be read a second time.
2. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount received from Public Pounds for the month of March, 1855, and the corresponding month of 1854.
3. MR. GREEVES : To move, That the Petition of certain Licensed Victuallers, presented by him on the 25th April, to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, be taken into consideration.
4. MR. MILLER : To move, That "*The South Yarra Water Works Bill*" be now read a second time.
5. MR. MILLER : To move, That the Standing Orders necessary for the introduction of a Private Bill, be suspended, in order to enable him to introduce a Private Bill.
Contingent—On such Standing Orders being suspended, To move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act of Council relating to the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company.
And contingent—On the Bill being read a first time: To move, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Collector of Customs, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Nicholson, and the mover.
6. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the House do take into consideration the Petition of Capt. Mechosk, presented by the mover on Wednesday last.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855 — Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 60.
2. ESTIMATES—To be further considered in Committee.
3. APPROPRIATION. BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
3. MR. WILLS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause measures to be taken to correct our coast charts, with respect to the rise and fall of the tides, in accordance with the Plans furnished to this House by the Surveyor General, consequent upon an Address lately voted by this House to the Lieutenant Governor, requesting certain information relative to the Outlet of the Barwon River at the Barwon Heads.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

4. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That a Bill to incorporate a Company, to be called the "*Melbourne Exchange Company*," be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
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MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 26th April.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 27th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 97.

THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. Nicholson, as Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Secretary of the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, praying that leave might be given to the petitioners to bring in a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding Fifty thousand pounds in the whole, and for vesting certain real Estates in the Trustees for the said Company, and for the other purposes herein mentioned.*"
Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
"*Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading.*"
5. CUSTOMS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—The Collector of Customs moved that this Bill be now read a third time.
Question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 24.

The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe. (*Teller.*)

Bill read a third time.

Question—That this Bill do now pass—put and passed.

The Collector of Customs moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

"*An Act to further amend an Act intituled, 'An Act for the general regulation
of the Customs in the Colony of Victoria.'*"

Question put and passed.

6. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.

7. **GEELONG HARBOR TRUST BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, Mr. Strachan moved that this Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 3rd May next :—
“ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”

9. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.**—Mr. Chapman postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day until Wednesday, 2nd May next.

10. **PUBLIC POUNDS.**—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a Return shewing the amount received from Public Pounds for the month of March, 1855, and the corresponding month of 1854.

Question—put and passed.

11. **LIQUORS SALE REGULATION BILL.**—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that the Licensed Victuallers of Melbourne be heard by their Counsel at the Bar of this House against this Bill on its consideration in Committee of the whole Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

12. **SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS BILL.**—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Miller, that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

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

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 1st May next.

13. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to *amended* notice given by Mr. Miller, that the Standing Orders, No. 57 to 60, both inclusive, be suspended, in order to enable him to introduce a private Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

14. **MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL.**—Mr. Greeves then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act of Council relating to the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Greeves having brought up a Bill to amend the Act relating to the Melbourne Gas and Coke Company, moved that the Bill, intituled, “ *A Bill to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding Fifty thousand pounds in the whole, and for vesting certain real Estates in the Trustees for the said Company, and for the other purposes herein mentioned,*” be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Greeves then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice given by Mr. Miller, that this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Collector of Customs, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Miller.

Question—put and passed.

15. CAPT. MECHOSK.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Petition of Capt. Mechosk, presented to this Council on Wednesday last.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

16. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855 — Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 60.
2. ESTIMATES—To be further considered in Committee.
3. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this House resolves—
 - (1.) That it is desirable that this House should express its opinion on the subject of the occupation of Crown Lands in this Colony, with a view to the final settlement of the Squatting question as soon as possible.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House the Crown Lands of this Colony should be leased for grazing purposes, subject to sale or reservation at any time at the discretion of the Government; provided that compensation be given to those to whom the Crown has conceded the right of occupation, to the amount of the market value of that right, when withdrawn in whole or in part.
 - (3.) That an equitable rent should be paid by the tenants of such Crown Lands in proportion to the security attached to their tenancy, and that such rent might be properly raised in the form of a per-centage on the amount at which runs may be valued for the purpose of compensation.
 - (4.) That if these principles are fairly carried into effect, the Orders in Council of March, 1847, might be entirely superseded with advantage to all classes of the community.
3. MR. WILLS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause measures to be taken to correct our coast charts, with respect to the rise and fall of the tides, in accordance with the Plans furnished to this House by the Surveyor General, consequent upon an Address lately voted by this House to the Lieutenant Governor, requesting certain information relative to the Outlet of the Barwon River at the Barwon Heads.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

4. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
7. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
8. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
9. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Second reading.
10. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
11. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLSON : To move, That a Bill to incorporate a Company, to be called the "*Melbourne Exchange Company*," be now read a second time.
Contingent—On the House affirming the first resolution to be proposed by him on Friday, the 27th April—
2. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That this Council, while it recognises the absolute necessity of the Crown Lands of the Colony being thrown open unreservedly for sale or for public purposes without delay, is, at the same time, of opinion, that, wherever it can be shewn that vested interests, recognised by law, exist, and are injuriously affected by any necessary alteration in the law, or in the public arrangements, adequate compensation should be provided in such manner as may be most just and expedient.‡

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

CONTINGENT.

In the event of the Bill to amend an Act intituled "*An Act for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria*" being read a second time—

1. MR. ANNAND : To move in Committee the insertion of a clause to empower the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council to alter the boundaries of any Municipal territories that may hereafter be established.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 27th April.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 2nd May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 98.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a petition from Donald Ross, Roderick Ross, Michael McDermott, James Donnally and Patrick Hanlom, praying an early attention to their claims as set forth in the petition, as the non-payment of their said several claims has materially interfered with them in business and limited their means of support to their large families dependent upon them for subsistence.
Petition received.
3. ADDRESS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolution of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Address, viz.:
Public Pounds, adopted on the 26th April, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the Return should be laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz. :—
“ *The Public Disturbances Prevention Bill.*”
“ *The Customs Laws Amendment Bill.*”
5. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 60, having been read—On the motion of the Auditor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the further Additional Estimates for 1855.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 1st May next.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 1st May next :—
“ *Estimates—To be further considered in Committee,*”
“ *Appropriation Bill—Second reading.*”
7. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of this Council the following Papers :—
Pay of Military Commissariat and Medical Staff Officers.—Return to Address, adopted on the Motion of Mr. Mollison, 16th March, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Public Pounds.—Return to Address.—Adopted on the Motion of Mr. Snodgrass, 26th April, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Peninsular and Oriental Company, Conveyance of Mails.—Return to Address, adopted on the Motion of Mr. Cole, 11th April, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
Water and Sewerage Commission.—Return to Address, adopted on the Motion of Mr. Fawcner, on the 18th April, instant.
Mr. Greeves moved that this Return be printed.
Question—put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, 4th May next.
Mr. Snodgrass, on behalf of Mr. Campbell, moved that the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Campbell, No. 2 on the Notice Paper of to-day, be postponed “until” after the consideration of the other Notice of Motion on the paper for to-day.
Mr. Cole moved as an amendment, that all the words after the word “until” be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words “Tuesday, 1st May, next.”
Debate ensued.
Question—that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Auditor General,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Snodgrass,*
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Snodgrass,*
 Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

* *Sic in orig.*

Noes, 8.

Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

9. COAST CHARTS.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause measures to be taken to correct our coast charts, with respect to the rise and fall of the tides, in accordance with the Plans furnished to this House by the Surveyor General, consequent upon an Address lately voted by this House to the Lieutenant Governor requesting certain information relative to the Outlet of the Barwon River at the Barwon Heads.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 3rd May next :—
 “ *Mechanics' Institution, Geelong—Grant for.—To be further considered in Committee.* ”
 “ *Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.* ”
 “ *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading.* ”

11. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second “time.”

Mr. Smith moved, as an amendment, that the word “now” be omitted, and that the words “this day six months” be added after the word “time.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word “now” proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 24.

The Attorney General,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Auditor General,
 Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Mollison,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 3.

Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

Question—that this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration, Tuesday 1st May next.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

12. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 1st May next.

13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—

“ *Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Second reading;* ”—until Tuesday, 1st May next.

“ *Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee;* ”—until Wednesday, 2nd May next.

14. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time, Tuesday, 1st May next.

Council adjourned at twenty-seven minutes past seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **ESTIMATES**—To be further considered in Committee.
2. **APPROPRIATION BILL**—Second reading.

1. **MR. COLE** : To ask the Honorable the Colonial Secretary what has been done respecting the lighting of the Coast, as recommended last Session, and whether any provision is made for erecting a Lighthouse on Cape Schanck.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. NICHOLSON** : To move, That a Bill to incorporate a Company, to be called the “ *Melbourne Exchange Company,* ” be now read a second time.
Contingent—On the House affirming the first resolution to be proposed by him on Friday, the 27th April—
2. **MR. CAMPBELL** : To move, That this Council, while it recognises the absolute necessity of the Crown Lands of the Colony being thrown open unreservedly for sale or for public purposes without delay, is, at the same time, of opinion, that, wherever it can be shewn that vested interests, recognised by law, exist, and are injuriously affected by any necessary alteration in the law, or in the public arrangements, adequate compensation should be provided in such manner as may be most just and expedient.
3. **MR. GREEVES** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of any Petition from the inhabitants of Prahran and its vicinity, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, against being incorporated, the number of signatures, and the date of its presentation.
4. **MR. GREEVES** : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of any Petition from the inhabitants of Windsor and its vicinity, against being included in any Incorporation of the inhabitants of Prahran, the number of signatures, &c., and date of its presentation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

3. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
4. **FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL**—Second reading.
5. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
7. **MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Adoption of Report.
8. **IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.
9. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL**—Second reading.
10. **POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—Third reading.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That this House form itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year, the sum of £20,000, for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 1st May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 2nd May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 99.

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Miller presented a petition from certain inhabitants of Prahran, praying the Council to pass the Bill for incorporating the "*South Yarra Water Works Company*." Petition received.
Mr. Mollison presented a petition from certain landowners and gardeners in the parish of Prahran, praying that persons who cannot now cultivate land because of the heavy expense of securely enclosing it may be protected from trespass. Petition received.
Mr. Miller presented a petition from certain inhabitants of St. Kilda, praying that the Council would give its sanction to the Bill for incorporating the "*South Yarra Water Works Company*." Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
" *Estimates—To be further considered in Committee.*"
" *Appropriation Bill—Second reading.*"
4. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL.—Mr. Nicholson moved, pursuant to notice, that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Nicholson, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, the 8th May instant :—
" *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*"
" *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.*"
" *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*"
6. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
8. IMPOUNDING LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.
The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
" *A Bill to amend the law relating to the Impounding of Cattle.*"
Question—put and passed.

9. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next, May 4th.
10. POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.
The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ *A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend the Law relating to the ‘ Post Office.’* ”
Question—put and passed.
11. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
Intemperance.—Return to Address adopted on the 16th March, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner.
Ordered to be printed.
Council adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ESTIMATES—To be further considered in Committee.
2. APPROPRIATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the “ *Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill* ” be read a second time.
2. MR. BEAVER : To move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from the Merchants, Landholders, and Farmers, in and around Belfast, on the subject of Harbor Improvement, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That this House form itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year, the sum of £20,000, for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 2nd May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

GAS AND COKE COMPANY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 3rd May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 100.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.

2. ESTIMATES.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for 1854, and of the Estimates for 1855, having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the resolutions hereafter set forth upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Estimates for Expenditure for 1855, the Additional Supplementary Estimates for 1854, the Additional Estimates for 1855, and the further Additional Estimates for 1855, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 46, that is to say :—

1. *Estimates of Expenditure and Additions thereto for the year 1855.*

- (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £6650 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Legislative Council Department for the year 1855.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £13,070 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Department for the year 1855, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, Schedule B, part 2.
- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £7135 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Colonial Treasurer's Department for the year 1855, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, Schedule B, part 2.
- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £10,515 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances and contingencies of the Auditor General's Department for the year 1855, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, Schedule B, part 2.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £570 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Executive Council Department for the year 1855, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, Schedule B, part 2.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £68,892 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Department for the Administration of Justice for the year 1855, in addition to the amount appropriated by the Act 13 and 14 Vic., c. 59, Schedule B, part 1.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £70,716 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Customs Department for the year 1855; being £32,700 for the Customs Department, Melbourne; £14,732 10s. for the Customs Department, Williamstown; £8184 10s. for the Customs Department, Geelong; £2362 10s. for the Customs Department, Point Henry; £1312 10s. for the Customs Department, Shortland's Bluff; £2,166 10s. for the Customs Department Portland; £2016 10s. for the Customs Department, Belfast; £1474 10s. for the Customs Department, Warrnambool; £1666 10s. for the Customs Department, Alberton; £400 for the Customs Department, Belvoir; £1000 for the Customs Departments at various stations, and £2700 for contingencies for the Customs Department.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £40,000 be appropriated to meet the expenses to be incurred for the management of the Gold Fields for the year 1855.

- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £103,028 10s. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Post Office Department for the year 1855; being £21,761 for the Postmaster General's Department, Melbourne; £325 for the Postmaster's Department, Williamstown; £2792 10s. for the Postmaster's Department, Geelong; £340 for the Postmaster's Department, Portland; £340 for the Postmaster's Department, Belfast; £340 for the Postmaster's Department, Warrnambool; £750 for the Postmaster's Department, Castlemaine; £750 for the Postmaster's Department, Sandhurst; £350 for the Postmaster's Department, Beechworth; £550 for the Postmaster's Department, Ballarat; £350 for the Postmaster's Department, Creswick's Creek; £550 for the Postmaster's Department, Maryborough; £3700 for various country Post Offices; and £70,130 for the conveyance of all Inland Mails, and landing and shipping Foreign Mails, and for conveyance of Mails by sea.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £42,970 16s. 9d. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Department of Ports and Harbors for the year 1855, being £6,988 8s. 4d. for the Port and Harbor Master's Department, Williamstown; £2,938 for the Harbor Master's Department, Melbourne; £737 for the Harbor Master's Department, Sandridge; £2,725 10s. for the Harbor Master's Department, Geelong; £1,370 10s. for the Harbor Master's Department, Portland; £1,314 4s. 6d. for the Harbor Master's Department, Belfast; £1,299 4s. 6d. for the Harbor Master's Department, Port Albert; £10,181 for Light Houses and Light Vessels; £8,171 12s. 6d. for the Government Screw Steamer; £805 5s. 9d. for the *Apollo* Water Tank and Fire Engine; £2,788 2s. 6d. for the *Empire* Boarding Vessel; £2,855 19s. 8d. for the *Wyvern* for General Service; and £795 19s. for Signal Stations.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £416,150 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Police Establishments for the year 1855, being £3,450 for the Establishment of the Chief Commissioner; £2,700 for the Department of the Paymaster; £10,000 for the Detective Police; and £400,000 for the General Police Force Establishment.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £35,525 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies, for the Petty Sessions Establishments, for the year 1855, being £3,600 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Melbourne; £1,950 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, County of Bourke; £1,400 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Williamstown; £1,850 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Geelong; £1,300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Portland; £1,000 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Belfast; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Alberton; £1,000 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Kilmore; £1,000 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Kyneton; £1,000 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Carisbrook; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Wangaratta; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Sale; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Gisborne; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Hamilton; £1,050 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Castlemaine; £950 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Sandhurst; £750 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Heathcote; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Beechworth; £1,050 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Ballarat; £850 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Creswick's Creek; £850 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Avoca; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Avenel; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Barrow's Inn; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Bacchus Marsh; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Brighton; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Benalla; £250 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Buckland; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Buninyong; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Chepstow; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Colac; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Harrow; £250 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Hepburn; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Horsham; £250 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Kingower; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Leigh; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Lexton; £250 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Maldon; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Mount Shadwell; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Pearson's Station; £250 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Warringal; £300 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Amherst; £900 for the Petty Sessions Establishment, Warrnambool; and £3,875 for the contingencies of the Petty Sessions Establishments.
- (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £38,398 1s. 2d. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies, of Gaol Establishments, for the year 1855, being £17,987 1s. 3d. for the Gaol Establishments, Melbourne; £7,355 11s. 5d. for the Gaol Establishment, Geelong; £2,557 11s. 9d. for the Gaol Establishment, Portland; £1,755 16s. 9d. for the Gaol Establishment, Belfast; £4,205 for the Gaol Establishment, Castlemaine; £2,561 for the Gaol Establishment, Sandhurst; and £1,976 for the Gaol Establishment, Beechworth.
- (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £113,946 10s. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies, for the Penal Establishments, for the year 1855, being £3,946 10s. for the Establishment of the Inspector General of Penal Establishments; and £110,000 for the Establishments at the Stockades and Hulks.
- (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £5,070 be appropriated to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Coroners' Establishments for the year 1855.

- (17.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £173,647 19s. 8d. be appropriated to defray the charge for Naval and Military Establishments for the year 1855; being £4,120 7s. 11d. for the Colonial pay and contingencies of the Head Quarters Staff; £14,369 1s. 8d. for the Staff and Regimental contingencies, £65,726 9s. 5d. for the pay and allowances of Five Companies of the 12th Regiment, and Five Companies of the 40th Regiment; £4666 3s. 10d. for the pay, allowances, and contingencies of the 99th Regiment of the Line for three months; £608 11s. 2d. for the pay, allowances, and contingencies of the Royal Engineers and Sappers and Miners; £5,397 13s. 9d. for the Colonial allowance to the Officers and Men of one Sloop of War; £1330 17s. 6d. for the Colonial allowance to the Officers and Men of one Sloop of War for three months; £55,791 7s. 7d. for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Military Commissariat; £21,436 11s. 10d. for the pay and contingencies of the Military Mounted Police Force; and £200 15s. for the pay and allowances of the Instructor of Artillery.
- (18.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £8,010 15s. be appropriated to defray the charges for the pay and contingencies of the Volunteer Rifle Corps for the year 1855.
- (19.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £870,792 15s. be appropriated to defray the charge for Public Works of the said Colony, for the year 1855; being £13,085 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Department of the Central Road Board; £16,687 15s. for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Department of the Colonial Engineer; £608,500 for Roads, Bridges, and other Works (exclusive of buildings), as hereafter set forth, viz.:—£450,000 for construction and repairs of Roads and Bridges, under the superintendence of the Central Road Board; £50,000 for construction and repairs of Roads and Bridges in the Agricultural Districts; £60,000 for improving and extending the Queen's Wharf, Melbourne, and approaches to the same; £10,000 for the employment of the Steam Dredge; £2,000 towards completing the Jetty at Sandridge; £10,000 towards extending the Jetty at Williamstown; £4,000 for Buoys, Beacons, and Moorings; £7,000 for the purchase of a Screw Steamer (in addition to former votes); £5,500 for repairs and fittings to Penal Hulks and Government Vessels; £10,000 for other Public Works, including the expense of bringing out from England the Screw Steamer and Steam Dredge; and £204,520 for Public Buildings, as hereafter set forth, viz.:—£25,000 towards the erection of permanent accommodation for the Legislature, Melbourne; £10,000 for the enlargement of the Custom House, Melbourne; £21,850 for the erection of Military Buildings, Melbourne, being £5,000 for the erection of Officers' Quarters, £3,000 for the erection of Mess Rooms and Quarters and Mess Rooms for Sergeants, £8,000 for the erection of Quarters for Troops, £550 for the erection of Ablution Houses and Cleansing Sheds, £2,000 for the erection of an Hospital and Cookhouse, £300 for building a Detached Canteen, £3,000 for building a Powder Magazine; and £1,350 for building stone foundations for Machines and Engine-house at the Printing Office, Melbourne; £2,000 for building a Strong Room for Records at Melbourne; £3000 for erecting an Infirmary at the Gaol, Melbourne; £800 for addition to the Gaol at Eastern Hill, Melbourne; £10,000 for erecting a House of Correction for Females, Melbourne; £5000 for additional Police Buildings and Barracks, Melbourne; £5000 for additions and general repairs to Buildings and Offices; £1100 for additional accommodation at the Lunatic Asylum, Melbourne; £12,000 for the erection of a Custom House, Geelong; £500 for the erection of Quarters for the Keeper of the Powder Magazine, Geelong; £8500 for building a new Post Office, Geelong; £16,500 for the erection of a new Court House, Geelong; £7000 for expense of building a new Wing to the Gaol, Geelong; £2000 for repairs to Buildings and Fencings, Geelong; £2000 for improving the Gaol, Portland; £800 for the erection of a Gauging Shed and Landing Waiter's Office, Portland; £1000 for general repairs and additions, Portland; £5000 for erecting Quarters, Offices and Stables, at the several Gold Fields; £15,000 for additions to the Gaols at Castlemaine, Sandhurst and Ballarat; £7650 for additional Buildings and Stockades for Penal Establishments; £2000 for the erection of a Post Office at Williamstown; £800 for building Gauging Shed at Belfast; £4400 for building Custom House, Gauging Shed and Quarters at Warrnambool; £3270 for building a Gaol at Kilmore; £6000 for building Post Offices in the Country Districts; £5000 for general repairs and additions to Public Buildings throughout the Colony; £5000 for fencing Government Reserves and repairs to Fences; £10,000 for the erection of Police Barracks, Watch-houses and Offices in the various Districts, and fencing Police Paddocks; £5000 for erecting Storehouses; £3000 for Furniture for the several Government Offices; and £25,000 for Rents of Public Buildings and Offices.
- (20.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £37,758 10s. be appropriated to defray the charge for Stores and Transport for the year 1855; being £6788 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Colonial Storekeeper's Department; £30,000 for the transport of Stores and Building Materials; and £970 10s. for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Barrack Master's Department.
- (21.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £155,000 be appropriated to defray the charge for Education for the year 1855; being £4098 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Denominational School Board; £105,902 for Elementary Education, and that out of such last mentioned sum the sum of £4000 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the National Board; the salaries to Teachers for existing Schools, under the Denominational and National Systems, be paid during the current year in accordance with the present rates, and the balance be divided between the two systems in

proportion to the number of Scholars on the books of each at the end of the year 1854, provided that neither Board shall make grants towards School Buildings to a greater amount than that of the local subscriptions; £20,000 for the erection and support of Grammar Schools; and £25,000 as a third grant for the erection of the University, Melbourne.

- (22.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £22,127 1s. be appropriated to defray the charge of the Medical Establishments for the year 1855; being £7,390 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the department of the Colonial Surgeon; £14,287 1s. for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Lunatic Asylum Establishment; and £450 for the salary of the Secretary to and contingencies of the Establishment of the Central Board of Health.
- (23.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £7,880 be appropriated to defray the charges for Ecclesiastical Services for the year 1855; being £5,400 for the stipends for twelve clergymen at the Gold Fields; and £2,480 for stipends for clergy at the Gaol and Penal Establishments of the Colony.
- (24.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £14,650 6s. 6d. be appropriated towards defraying the charges for the Scientific Establishments for the year 1855; being £2000 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Establishment of the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne; £2,000 for the Establishment and support of a Museum of Natural History and Economic Geology, Melbourne; £1,000 to meet the salary and contingent expenses of the Government Botanist; £3,000 towards the Public Library, Melbourne; £200 for the compilation of Meteorological Tables, and for the purchase of Instruments; £5,657 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Electric Telegraph Department; and £793 6s. 6d. for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Establishment of the Observatory, Williamstown.
- (25.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £49,453 15s. be appropriated to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Departments for the year 1855; being £12,080 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Registrar General's Department; £560 for the Government Shorthand Writer's Department; £35,540 for the salaries, allowances, and contingencies of the Government Printer's Department; £673 15s. for the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Powder Magazine, Melbourne; £400 for the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Powder Magazine, Geelong; and £200 for the contingencies of the Establishment of the Steam Navigation Board.
- (26.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £20,100 be appropriated to defray the charge for Grants in aid of Charitable and Useful Institutions for the year 1855; being £1,500 towards the maintenance of the Benevolent Asylum, Melbourne, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £1,500 towards the maintenance of the Hospital, Melbourne, on condition that one-half the amount be raised by private subscription; £150 towards the maintenance of the Mechanics' Institution, Melbourne; £500 in aid of the Port Phillip Farmers' Society, Melbourne; £1,300 towards the establishment of a Mechanics' Institution, Prahran, being £1,000 towards the erection of the building, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription, and £300 for the purchase of a site; £1,000 towards the erection of a building for a Mechanics' Institution, Emerald Hill, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £500 in aid of the award of Prizes by the Industrial Society; £1,500 towards the maintenance of the Benevolent Asylum and Hospital, Geelong, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £150 towards the maintenance of the Benevolent Asylum, Belfast, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £1,000 towards the erection of a building for a Benevolent Asylum, Portland, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £500 towards the erection of a building for a Mechanics' Institution, Warrnambool, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £1,500 towards the Hospital, Kyneton, being £1,000 towards the completion of the building, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription, and £500 towards the maintenance of the Institution, on the same condition; £500 in aid of the Mechanics' Institution, Castlemaine; £8,000 towards the erection of Hospitals at the several Gold Fields, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; and £500 towards the erection of a building for a Mechanics' Institution at Sandhurst, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.
- (27.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £55,658 7s. be appropriated to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services and Requirements for the year 1855; being £3,000 for preparing the Electoral Lists; £2,000 for the formation of Public Cemeteries; £5,000 for Advertising in the Local Journals; £100 for Newspapers for record and for transmission to the Secretary of State; £100 for Maps and Acts of Council for Public Departments; £88 for gratuity to William Buckley; £200 for allowance to the Colonial Agent General; £2,000 for Postage for Government Departments; £200 for a Queen's Plate, to be run for at the Melbourne Races; £4,000 for carrying out the purposes of the "Compulsory Vaccination Act;" £3,530 to meet the expenses of collecting the Census, in addition to former Votes; £12,000 to pay three months' salaries on the scale of 1854, to the Officers of Government who have been or may be dismissed before the 30th June, 1855, in consequence of the Resolutions of the Council; £487 10s. as a gratuity to the Widow of the late Matthew Davidson, pilot; £20 as a gratuity to the Widow of police-constable

Henderson; £2,500 to meet the expenses of Commissions of Enquiry into Government Departments; £32 17s. as compensation for loss of certain property destroyed by the Police during the Ballarat Riots; £400 towards meeting the expense of servants at the Council Club; and £20,000 in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

(28.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1,100 be appropriated to defray the charge for payments conjointly with other Governments for the year 1855, being £800 as one-half the probable cost of maintaining the Light on Gabo Island, and £300 as one-third of the probable cost of maintaining the Light on Kent's Group.

2. *Supplementary Estimates for 1854* :—

- (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £20 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Legislative Council Department for the year 1854.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £267 1s. 4d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Department of the Sub-Treasury, Geelong for the year 1854.
- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £4008 6s. 8d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the year 1854.
- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £991 2s. 6d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Department of the Sheriff, Melbourne, for the year 1854.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £276 13s. 4d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Department of the Deputy Sheriff, Geelong, for the year 1854.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £50 11s. 1d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Department of the Deputy Sheriff, Kyneton, for the year 1854.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1827 15s. 4d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Department of General Sessions and County Courts for the year 1854.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1201 8s. 1d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of Customs for the year 1854.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £10,728 5s. 2d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of the Post Office for the year 1854.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £400 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of Ports and Harbors for the year 1854.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £2620 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of Police for the year 1854.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £3003 9s. 9d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Petty Sessions for the year 1854.
- (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £60 3s. 4d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Gaols for the year 1854.
- (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £2891 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Coroners for the year 1854.
- (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £35,000 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Military for the year 1854.
- (16.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £3146 13s. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Riots at Ballarat, during the year 1854.
- (17.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £169 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Department of the Director of Public Works for the year 1854.
- (18.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £186,746 9s. 2d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings for the year 1854.
- (19.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £19,703 17s. 11d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Electric Telegraph for the year 1854.
- (20.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £2000 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Colonial Defences for the year 1854.
- (21.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £387 18s. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge of the Establishment of the Civil Commissariat for the year 1854.
- (22.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £110,000 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Stores and Transport for the year 1854.
- (23.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Education for the year 1854.
- (24.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1064 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Establishment of the Colonial Surgeon for the year 1854.
- (25.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £50 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Lunatic Asylum for the year 1854.
- (26.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £6056 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Establishment of the Government Printer for the year 1854.
- (27.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £6000 be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for the Grants in Aid of Charitable Institutions for the year 1854.
- (28.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £23,834 1s. 6d. be appropriated to defray the supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services for the year 1854.

The Auditor General moved that these resolutions be now agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

3. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Auditor General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time—and ordered to be considered in Committee Friday, 4th May instant.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Cole, on behalf of Mr. Chapman, postponed the motion standing in Mr. Chapman's name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day until to-morrow.
5. HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. Beaver moved, pursuant to notice, that the Petition presented by him on the 18th April, from the Merchants, Landowners, and Farmers in and around Belfast, on the subject of Harbor Improvement, be printed.
Question—put and passed.
6. SALE OF LIQUORS REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Horne moved the previous question.
Question—That this question be now put—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Snodgrass,*
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Snodgrass,*
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

* *Sic in Orig.*

Noes, 22.

Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

7. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 5th May instant.
8. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Nicholson the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Tuesday, 8th May instant.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“*South Yarra Water Works Incorporation Bill.—To be further considered in Committee.*”
10. MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, read a third time and passed.
Mr. O'Shanassy then moved that the following be the Title of the Bill :—
“*An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.'*”
Question—put and passed.
Council adjourned at a quarter-past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That this House form itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year, the sum of £20,000, for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong.
2. MR. HODGSON : To move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering a vote arrived at by the Committee of the whole House upon the question of the salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and for determining what amount ought to be granted for the support of the dignity of the office of Speaker, having a due regard to the salaries determined upon for other public officers.
3. MR. SMITH : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct a survey to be made of the best anchorage ground at or near Snapper Point, in Port Phillip Bay, together with an estimate of the probable cost of constructing a wharf to which vessels might approach not exceeding fifty tons burden.
4. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
2. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. APPROPRIATION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—Third reading.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 3rd May.

GAS AND COKE COMPANY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 10 o'clock.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 4th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 101.

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Fyfe brought up the Report from the Select Committee on this Bill, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.—Report ordered to lie on the Table.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ *Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
“ *Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
“ *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading.*”
4. WHARVES, GEELONG.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year the sum of £20,000, for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday, 10th May next.
5. SALARY OF THE SPEAKER.—Mr. Hodgson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering a vote arrived at by the Committee of the whole House upon the question of the salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and for determining what amount ought to be granted for the support of the dignity of the office of Speaker, having a due regard to the salaries determined upon for other public officers.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 8th May instant.
6. SURVEY OF ANCHORAGE GROUND AT SNAPPER POINT.—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct a survey to be made of the best anchorage ground at or near Snapper Point, in Port Phillip Bay, together with an estimate of the probable cost of constructing a wharf to which vessels might approach not exceeding fifty tons burden.
Question—put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Cole, on behalf of Mr. Chapman, postponed the motion standing in Mr. Chapman's name, No. 4, on the Notice Paper of to-day until to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 10th May instant :—
“ *Mechanics' Institution, Geelong, (grant for) To be further considered in Committee.*”

9. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Tuesday, 8th May instant.

Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes after five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That it is the opinion of this Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has acted unconstitutionally in calling for Tenders for the Erection of Shelter Sheds on the road to Mount Alexander without having previously obtained a vote of the Legislative Council authorising the expenditure.
3. The ATTORNEY GENERAL : To move for leave to bring in a Bill to extend for a limited period "*An Act intituled, 'An Act to make provision for the Sale of Fermented and ' Spiritous Liquors and of Refreshments in certain Districts.'*"
4. MR. CHAPMAN : To move, That the "*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. APPROPRIATION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. INTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.
2. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to ascertain from the Postmaster General—
 - (1.) Why the Bi-weekly Mail was totally stopped from the district of Bulla Bulla ?
 - (2.) Why a Daily Post was established at Northcote, when the Plenty Mail passed there twice a week ?
 - (3.) Why it was contracted to be carried by a wheeled vehicle licensed to carry passengers ?
 - (4.) Why it was necessary to have a Daily Mail, when the week's letters amounted to only thirty-three (33), and the newspapers to only twenty (20) ?
 - (5.) Whether the Deputy Postmaster did not use this mail to bring him to his office, and return him to his home ?
 - (6.) Whether the Postmaster General's conduct is for the public good, or symptomatic of incompetency in thus saddling the Northcote letters and papers upon the public at upwards of one shilling each for mail carriage ?

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—Third reading.
5. SALARY OF THE SPEAKER—To be further considered in Committee.
6. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—Third reading.

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THURSDAY, 10TH MAY.

General Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 4th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

GAS AND COKE COMPANY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 8th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 102.

FRIDAY, 4TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Hodgson, the Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—
“ Salary of the Speaker—To be further considered in Committee.”
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Harrison postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Wednesday, 9th May instant.
4. SHELTER SHEDS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That it is the opinion of this Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has acted unconstitutionally in calling for Tenders for the Erection of Shelter Sheds on the road to Mount Alexander without having previously obtained a vote of the Legislative Council authorising the expenditure.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and negatived.
5. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL, No. 2.—The Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, that leave be given to bring in *“ A Bill to further continue an Act intituled ‘ An Act to make provision for the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors ‘ and of Refreshments in certain Districts.’ ”*
 Question—put and passed.
 Ordered that the mover and seconder prepare and bring in a Bill.
6. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council—
 Births, Deaths, and Marriages.—First Annual Report of the Registrar General.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. A'Beckett, on behalf of Mr. Chapman, moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill *“ be ”* now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Fyfe moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word *“ be ”* be omitted, with a view of inserting the words *“ referred back to the Select Committee on this Bill,”* in the place thereof.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
 Council divided.

Ayes, 21.

The Auditor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller*).

Noes, 12.

Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller*).

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

Mr. A'Beckett moved "*that*" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Fawkner moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word "*that*" be omitted, with the view of inserting the words "the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 10th May instant."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question—That the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council be an Order of the Day for Thursday, 10th May instant—put and passed.

8. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 8th May instnsat.

9. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL, No. 2.—The Attorney General having presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to further continue an Act intituled 'An Act to make provision for the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors and of Refreshments in certain Districts'*"—Bill read a first time; to be read a second time on Friday, 11th May instant, and to be printed.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Auditor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendments, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Wednesday, 9th May instant.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under :—

"*Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*"—until Tuesday, 8th May instant;

"*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading*"—until Thursday, 10th May instant; and

"*Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill—Second reading;*"

"*Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading*"—until Wednesday, 9th May instant.

Council adjourned at twenty minutes after seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.
2. MR. FAWKNER: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to ascertain from the Postmaster General—
 - (1.) Why the Bi-weekly Mail was totally stopped from the district of Bulla Bulla?
 - (2.) Why a Daily Post was established at Northcote, when the Plenty Mail passed there twice a week?
 - (3.) Why it was contracted to be carried by a wheeled vehicle licensed to carry passengers?
 - (4.) Why it was necessary to have a Daily Mail, when the week's letters amounted to only thirty-three (33), and the newspapers to only twenty (20)?
 - (5.) Whether the Deputy Postmaster did not use this mail to bring him to his office, and return him to his home?
 - (6.) Whether the Postmaster General's conduct is for the public good, or symptomatic of incompetency in thus saddling the Northcote letters and papers upon the public at upwards of one shilling each for mail carriage?

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
2. FORFEITED RECOGNIZANCES ENFORCEMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
4. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY BILL—Third reading.
5. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL—Third reading.
6. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
7. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway*" "Bill" be now read a second time.

General Business:—

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HARRISON: To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway*" "Bill" be now read a second time.

THURSDAY, 10TH MAY.

Government Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. INTERSTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

General Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2)—Second reading.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 8th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 9th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 103.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL.—Mr. Miller, as Chairman of the Select Committee of this Council to which this Bill was referred, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Nicholson presented a Petition from certain Managers of Freehold Land Societies in the Colony of Victoria, praying the Council to take the laws relating to Friendly Societies into consideration during the present sitting of the Council, and to pass some law for the amendment of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies with as little delay as the circumstances of the case may require.
Petition received.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Beaver postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Friday, the 11th of May instant.
5. NORTHCOTE MAIL.—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to ascertain from the Postmaster General—
 - (1.) Why the Bi-weekly Mail was totally stopped from the district of Bulla Bulla?
 - (2.) Why a Daily Post was established at Northcote, when the Plenty Mail passed there twice a week?
 - (3.) Why it was contracted to be carried by a wheeled vehicle licensed to carry passengers?
 - (4.) Why it was necessary to have a Daily Mail, when the week's letters amounted to only thirty-three (33), and the newspapers to only twenty (20)?
 - (5.) Whether the Deputy Postmaster did not use this mail to bring him to his office, and return him to his home?
 - (6.) Whether the Postmaster General's conduct is for the public good, or symptomatic of incompetency in thus saddling the Northcote letters and papers upon the public at upwards of one shilling each for mail carriage?
 And that His Excellency will be pleased, to communicate such information to any Commission appointed or to be appointed to enquire into the affairs of the General Post Office.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Pohlman, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller*.)

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed until Friday, 11th May instant:—

“ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”

“ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”

7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Attorney General the Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—

“ *Forfeited Recognizances Enforcement Bill—Second reading.*”

8. MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Nicholson, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Nicholson then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ *An Act for the Incorporation of a Company called ‘ The Melbourne Exchange Company.’*”

Question—put and passed.

9. SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Mr. Miller moved “that” this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Fawcner moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “that” be omitted, with a view of inserting the following words, “the Speaker do leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Campbell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 4.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.

Mr. Fawcner moved that the following clause be added as a rider to the Bill:—

“That this Bill continue in force for the term of seven years from the day of its passing, and no longer.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

Question—That this Bill do now pass—put and passed.

Mr. Miller moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ *An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called ‘ The South Yarra Water Works Company,’ and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”

Council divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Snodgrass,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 3.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

10. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

11. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.
4. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Geelong, Ballaarat, and North-Western Railway Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. FORLONGE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the local authorities at Alberton and the Government, in reference to the erection of a Police Office at Tarraville, and the subsequent conversion of that building into Police Barracks.
 - (2.) Copy of a Memorial presented to His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham, on the part of the inhabitants of Gipps' Land, by Capt. Cole.
 - (3.) Copies of Correspondence between the Stipendiary Magistrate, Alberton, Mr. Surveyor Dawson, and the Surveyor General, in reference to the alteration of the last Land Sale from the Police Office, Tarraville, to the Police Office, Alberton.
3. MR. MILLER : To move, That the "*Melbourne Gas and Coke Company's Loan Bill*" be now read a second time.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

THURSDAY, 10TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. INTRESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2)—Second reading.
2. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 9th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 104.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a petition from certain persons styling themselves Officers of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of Melbourne, praying that in the short measure for renewing the present District Licensing Act, now before the Council, a clause may be introduced which will reduce the license fee of the present year to £50 at the utmost.
Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until Friday, 11th May instant, and that it then take precedence of all other Orders :—
“ *Appropriation Bill—Third reading.* ”
4. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second Reading.* ”
6. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration on Friday, 11th May instant—Bill, as amended, to be printed.
7. GEELONG, BALLAARAT AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.—
Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice—That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
The Colonial Secretary moved the previous question.
Question—That this question be now put—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Russell,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Horne,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

8. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL.—Mr. Miller moved, pursuant to notice—
That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Miller the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
- Council adjourned at three minutes after six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 10TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. INTTESTATE ESTATES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FYFE : To move, That the "*Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council Copies of the Correspondence and Papers relative to the public services of Captain Foster Fyans, and his claim to a retiring allowance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
4. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY.

General Business :—

1. MR. MOLLISON : To ask the Acting Chief Commissioner of Police—
 - (1.) The total number of Police, mounted and foot, which it is proposed to maintain during the current year.
 - (2.) The total cost, or probable cost, of such number of police.
 - (3.) The cost of officers for such force above the grade of sergeant.
 - (4.) Their distribution in the various police districts.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER : To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.
2. MR. HARRISON : To move, That this House do resolve itself into Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will sanction the expenditure of £5000, as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
2. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2)—Second reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
5. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Adoption of Report.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 10th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 11th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 105.

THURSDAY, 10TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Attorney General the Council ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—
“*Intestate Estates Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
3. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—To take precedence next after the third reading of “*The Appropriation Bill.*”
4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow:—
“*Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second Reading.*”
5. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to notice, that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Fyfe, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 15th May instant.
6. ILLNESS OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL.—The Speaker having announced that the Clerk of the Council was, for the present, prevented by illness from attending the meetings of the Council—On the motion of the Attorney General the Council ordered that the Clerk Assistant be appointed to perform the duties of the Clerk during his absence, and do take his place at the Table of the House.
7. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers:—
 - (1.) Bank Returns.—General Abstract shewing the average liabilities and assets, and of the capital and profits of the undermentioned Banks of the Colony of Victoria, from the 1st of January to the 31st of March, 1855, viz:—
Australasia.
Union of Australia.
New South Wales.
Victoria.
London Chartered Bank of Australia.
English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank.
Oriental Bank Corporation.
 - (2.) Gipps' Land Statistics.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Cole, 28th September, 1854.
Severally ordered to be printed.
8. CAPTAIN FOSTER FYANS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council Copies of the Correspondence and Papers relative to the public services of Captain Foster Fyans, and his claim to a retiring allowance.
Question—put and passed.
9. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO CAPTAIN FOSTER FYANS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper:—
Retiring Allowance to Captain Foster Fyans.—Return to Address adopted on the motion of Mr. Harrison, 10th May, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under :—
 “ *Wharves, Geelong—To be further considered in Committee;*”
 “ *Mechanics’ Institute, Geelong—Grant for—To be further considered in Committee*”—until Thursday, 17th May instant; and
 “ *Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—To be considered in Committee;*”
 “ *Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*”—until to-morrow.
11. **MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Wednesday, 16th May instant.
 Council adjourned at a quarter to seven o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY.

General Business :—

1. **MR. MOLLISON :** To ask the Acting Chief Commissioner of Police—
 (1.) The total number of Police, mounted and foot, which it is proposed to maintain during the current year.
 (2.) The total cost, or probable cost, of such number of police.
 (3.) The cost of officers for such force above the grade of sergeant.
 (4.) Their distribution in the various police districts.
2. **MR. RIDDELL :** To ask the Colonial Secretary the following questions as to the Carlton and Fitz Roy Gardens :—
 (1.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to hand over to the Corporation of the City of Melbourne the conservation of these gardens?
 (2.) In the event of its not being the intention of the Government to do so, whether the Government is prepared to lay out and improve them, and when?

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BEAVER :** To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.
2. **MR. HARRISON :** To move, That this House do resolve itself into Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will sanction the expenditure of £5000, as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. **APPROPRIATION BILL**—Third reading.
2. **GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.
3. **DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2)**—Second reading.
4. **RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**—Second reading.
5. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL**—Second reading.
6. **NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL**—Adoption of Report.
7. **MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL**—Second reading.
8. **BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be considered in Committee.
9. **SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. **MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL**—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY.

General Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
 2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee
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MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Friday, 11th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 15th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 106.

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Beaver postponed the Motion standing in his name, No. 1, on the Notice Paper of to-day, until Thursday, 17th May instant.
 3. RETIRING ALLOWANCE TO CAPTAIN FOSTER FYANS.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair and the Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will sanction the expenditure of £5000, as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.
Question—put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1855 the sum of £3000 as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.
On the motion of Mr. Harrison the Council adopted such report.
 4. POLICE FORCE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.—The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council:—
A Return, shewing the total number of the Police proposed to be maintained for the current year—their probable cost—the cost of officers above the grade of sergeant—and the distribution of such Police in the various police districts.
Ordered to be printed.
 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until Wednesday, 16th May instant:—
“*Appropriation Bill—Third reading.*”
 6. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 15th May instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
 7. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2.).—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendments, the Council adopted the Report, and ordered the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 15th May instant.
 8. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved “*that*” the second reading of this Bill be postponed until Tuesday next, the 15th May instant.
Mr. Fawkner moved as an amendment that all the words after the word “*that*” be omitted with the view of inserting the following words “the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged from the Paper.”
Debate ensued.
- Notice having been taken that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present, the Speaker counted the House, and it appearing that one-third of the Members (exclusive of the Speaker) were not present, the Speaker adjourned the Council at two minutes to six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
 2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
 3. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (2)—Third reading.
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL—Third reading.
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THURSDAY, 17TH MAY.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
 2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.
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MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Tuesday, 15th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 16th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 107.

TUESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council ordered that Standing Order No. 18 be suspended.
 3. RESTORATION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY TO THE PAPER.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be restored to the Paper for consideration this day :—
 - “ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *Number of Members of Council Increase Bill—Adoption of Report.*”
 - “ *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “ *Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—To be considered in Committee.*”
 - “ *Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
 4. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Lieutenant Governor.

Message No. 61.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1855.

*Government Offices,
Melbourne, 15th May, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Further Additional Estimates, and taken into consideration to-morrow. To take precedence of all other Orders of the Day.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The above Message having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 6. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills :—
 - “ *Impounding Law Amendment Bill,*”
 - “ *Post Office Act Amendment Bill,*”
 - “ *Municipal Institutions Act Amendment Bill,*”
 - “ *Melbourne Exchange Company Incorporation Bill,*”
 - “ *South Yarra Water Works Company Incorporation Bill.*”
 7. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
- On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Thursday, 17th May instant.

8. DISTRICT LICENSING ACT CONTINUATION BILL (No. 2).—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

“ *An Act to further continue an Act intituled ‘ An Act to make provision for the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors and of Refreshments in certain Districts.’* ”

Question—put and passed.

9. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Chapman,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Snodgrass,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 8.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Bill read a second time and ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time and ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.

11. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed until Friday, 18th May instant:—

“ *Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—To be considered in Committee.* ”
“ *Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.* ”

Council adjourned at twenty minutes after six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY.

Government Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—Consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No. 61.
2. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—To be considered in Committee.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
5. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL—Third reading.
6. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

*General Business :—***ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL—Third reading.
2. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY.

*Government Business :—***ORDER OF THE DAY :—**

1. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

*General Business :—***NOTICE OF MOTION :—**

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move—

- (1.) That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider what sum shall be raised from each male Chinese or Tartar who shall locate himself on any Gold Field in Victoria, and shall decide whether the Registration Fee of such Chinese or Tartar for leave to dig for gold or for carrying on any trade on the Gold Fields, shall be monthly, quarterly, or yearly, or all of those periods, and the amount each male shall pay.
- (2.) To consider whether it is politic, prudent, or safe to permit the male Chinese and Tartars to mix with and annoy the other classes of our mixed population, and, if it be found dangerous so to do, whether set and prescribed parts of all or certain Gold Fields should not be marked off, and from time to time altered as may seem necessary.
- (3.) To consider whether, from the increasing thousands of these people constantly pouring into this Colony, the time has not arrived when persons conversant with the Chinese language and customs should (if possible) be appointed as wardens or guardians of the rights and privileges of these people, with all the necessary officers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS
OF
SELECT COMMITTEES.

Wednesday, 16th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

Thursday, 17th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 108.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Additional Supreme Court Rule, No. 34, cap. 10.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from Thomas Embling, praying the Council to take such measures as may meet the great and fearful evil of drunkenness.
4. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message, No. 61, having been read—On the motion of the Auditor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the further Additional Estimates for 1855.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow—To take precedence of all the other Orders of the Day.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow :—
" *Appropriation Bill—Third Reading.*"
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill, in Committee of the whole Council having been read, the Attorney General moved that "*the*" Speaker do leave the Chair.
Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word "*the*" be omitted, with the view of inserting the following words, "further consideration of this Bill be postponed until this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Snodgrass,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Question—That the Speaker do leave the Chair—put and passed.

Whereupon the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 18th May instant.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under—
" *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—To be considered in Committee ;*"
" *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee*"—until to-morrow ; and
" *Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee*"—until Friday, 18th May instant.

8. NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to further alter ‘ The Victoria Electoral Act of 1851,’ and to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Council of Victoria.”

Question—put and passed.

9. MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY LOAN BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Miller the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Miller, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Miller then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to enable the City of Melbourne Gas and Coke Company to raise a sum or sums of money not exceeding Fifty thousand pounds in the whole, and for vesting certain real estates in the Trustees for the said Company, and for the other purposes herein mentioned.”

Question—put and passed.

Council adjourned at ten minutes after seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855—To be further considered in Committee.
2. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
3. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
5. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.
2. MR. FYFE: To move, That the Standing Orders necessary for the introduction of a private Bill be suspended in order to the introduction of a private Bill.
Contingent—On such Standing Orders being suspended, To move for leave to bring in “ A Bill to legalise the extension over all the shares in the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company stock of the present dividend guarantee by the Government of the Colony of Victoria over some of the said shares;” and,
Contingent—On the Bill being read a first time, To move That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McCulloch, and the Mover..
3. MR. CHAPMAN: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) Copies of Correspondence which took place in March last between certain Storekeepers and other Inhabitants of Maryborough and C. H. Watts, Esq., Inspector of Country Post Offices, relative to the removal of the Post Office from Carisbrook to Maryborough.
 - (2.) Copies of Correspondence between C. H. Watts, Esq., and the Postmaster General, on the same subject.
 - (3.) Copy of Letter recently addressed by D. K. Campbell, Esq., of Maryborough, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, enclosing a series of resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Maryborough on the 24th day of April last, relative to the same subject, and also copy of the resolutions so enclosed.

- (4.) Copies of Correspondence which took place about December or January last, between Mr. Hull, storekeeper, of Carisbrook, and the Postmaster General, or the Inspector of Country Post Offices, relative to the application of Mr. Hull to be appointed Postmaster at Carisbrook.
- (5.) Return of the number of letters and newspapers which passed through the Post Offices of Carisbrook and Maryborough, during the months of January, February, March, and April of the present year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
2. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FAWKNER: To move—
 - (1.) That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider what sum shall be raised from each male Chinese or Tartar who shall locate himself on any Gold Field in Victoria, and shall decide whether the Registration Fee of such Chinese or Tartar for leave to dig for gold or for carrying on any trade on the Gold Fields, shall be monthly, quarterly, or yearly, or all of those periods, and the amount each male shall pay.
 - (2.) To consider whether it is politic, prudent, or safe to permit the male Chinese and Tartars to mix with and annoy the other classes of our mixed population, and, if it be found dangerous so to do, whether set and prescribed parts of all or certain Gold Fields should not be marked off, and from time to time altered as may seem necessary.
 - (3.) To consider whether, from the increasing thousands of these people constantly pouring into this Colony, the time has not arrived when persons conversant with the Chinese language and customs should (if possible) be appointed as wardens or guardians of the rights and privileges of these people, with all the necessary officers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETINGS

OF

SELECT COMMITTEES.

Thursday, 17th May.

RAILWAYS—at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 18th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 109.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fyfe presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company, praying that the Standing Order No. 58, and such other Orders as may be necessary, be suspended, and that leave may be given to present a Petition for leave to introduce a Bill for the purposes mentioned in the Petition.
Petition received.
3. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1855.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the further additional Estimates for 1855 in Committee of the whole Council having been read, The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof accordingly.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the various items in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1855, and the additions proposed thereto by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Message No 61, and had agreed to the following resolutions in addition to those reported on the 2nd of May instant.
 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £200 be appropriated to defray the Fees to Medical Officers for examining patients at, and allowance to the Visitors of, the Lunatic Asylum.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £25,979 0s. 9d. be appropriated to defray the amount awarded to William Hughes, with moiety of costs of arbitration and interest, on the surrender of his claim on the land and buildings erected thereon, known as Hughes' Wharf.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £18,000 be appropriated to meet the compensation granted to clerks and others on the reduced list, in addition to the sum of £12,000 previously voted.
 - (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £819 15s. 10d. be appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the District Council of Grant from the 22nd day of March, 1844, to the 20th day of November, 1845, under the Imperial Act, 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 76.
 - (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £3000 be appropriated as a Retiring Allowance to Foster Fyans, Esq., Deputy Sheriff of Geelong.
 - (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1660 18s. 3d. be appropriated to defray one-half of the cost of the lighting apparatus and lantern for the Light House, Gabo Island; and one-half of the expenses of maintaining that light, in addition to the sum provided on the Estimates of 1854.
 The Auditor General moved—That these resolutions be now agreed to.
Question—put and passed.
4. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the Resolutions of this Council, presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the following Addresses :—

Survey of Anchorage Ground at Snapper Point.—Adopted on the 3rd May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Smith ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would give directions for this survey to be made.

Captain Foster Fyans.—Adopted on the 10th May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the wishes of the Legislative Council had been complied with.

Retiring Allowance to Captain Foster Fyans.—Adopted on the 11th May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he had met the wish of the Legislative Council in this matter.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

6. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Auditor General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Tuesday, 22nd May instant.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until Tuesday, 22nd May instant :—
“ *Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
9. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Beaver postponed the motion standing in his name, No. 1, General Business, on the Motion Paper of to-day until to-morrow.
10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders Nos. 57 to 60, both inclusive, be suspended in order to enable him to introduce a private Bill.
Question—put and passed.
11. GEELONG RAILWAY DIVIDEND GUARANTEE BILL.—Mr. Fyfe then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, for leave to bring in “ *A Bill to legalize the extension over all the Shares in the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company’s Stock of the present Dividend Guarantee by the Government of the Colony of Victoria over some of the said Shares.*”
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Ordered that the Mover and Seconder do bring in the Bill.
12. POST OFFICE, MARYBOROUGH.—Mr. Chapman moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—
- (1.) Copies of Correspondence which took place in March last between certain Storekeepers and other Inhabitants of Maryborough and C. H. Watts, Esq., Inspector of Country Post Offices, relative to the removal of the Post Office from Carisbrook to Maryborough.
 - (2.) Copies of Correspondence between C. H. Watts, Esq., and the Postmaster General, on the same subject.
 - (3.) Copy of Letter recently addressed by D. K. Campbell, Esq., of Maryborough, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, enclosing a series of resolutions passed at a public meeting held at Maryborough on the 24th day of April last, relative to the same subject, and also copy of the resolutions so enclosed.
 - (4.) Copies of Correspondence which took place about December or January last, between Mr. Hull, storekeeper, of Carisbrook, and the Postmaster General, or the Inspector of Country Post Offices, relative to the application of Mr. Hull to be appointed Postmaster at Carisbrook.
 - (5.) Return of the number of letters and newspapers which passed through the Post Offices of Carisbrook and Maryborough, during the months of January, February, March, and April of the present year.
- Question—put and passed.
13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow :—
“ *Wharves, Geelong—To be further considered in Committee.*”
“ *Mechanics’ Institution, Geelong—Grant for—To be further considered in Committee.*”
- Council adjourned at thirteen minutes after six o’clock until three o’clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To move—

- (1.) That this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider what sum shall be raised from each male Chinese or Tartar who shall locate himself on any Gold Field in Victoria, and shall decide whether the Registration Fee of such Chinese or Tartar for leave to dig for gold or for carrying on any trade on the Gold Fields, shall be monthly, quarterly, or yearly, or all of those periods, and the amount each male shall pay.

- (2.) To consider whether it is politic, prudent, or safe to permit the male Chinese and Tartars to mix with and annoy the other classes of our mixed population, and, if it be found dangerous so to do, whether set and prescribed parts of all or certain Gold Fields should not be marked off, and from time to time altered as may seem necessary.
- (3.) To consider whether, from the increasing thousands of these people constantly pouring into this Colony, the time has not arrived when persons conversant with the Chinese language and customs should (if possible) be appointed as wardens or guardians of the rights and privileges of these people, with all the necessary officers.
2. MR. BEAVER: To move, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be considered in Committee.
2. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
7. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
8. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
2. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Friday, 18th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 110.

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fyfe presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Town and Suburbs of Geelong, praying the Council to empower the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company to use level crossings, as sought for in the Bill now before the Council for amending the Act of Incorporation of the said Company.

Petition received.

3. BELFAST HARBOR.—Mr. Beaver moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

Question—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year the sum of six thousand pounds towards the improvement of the Harbor of Belfast.

On the motion of Mr. Beaver the Council adopted such report.

4. GEELONG RAILWAY DIVIDEND GUARANTEE BILL.—Mr. Fyfe presented a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to legalize the extension over all the Shares in the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company's Stock of the present Dividend Guarantee by the Government of the Colony of Victoria over some of the said Shares,*" and moved that it be read a first time.

Debate ensued.

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor received and read :—

ACT OF COUNCIL—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Lieutenant Governor.**Message No. 62.*

The Lieutenant Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, the copy of a Despatch (with its enclosure), dated 15th February, 1855, No. 3, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, wherein is notified Her Majesty's approval and allowance of the Act of Council of this Colony, passed in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to extend the Elective Franchise.*"

*Government Offices,**Melbourne, 18th May, 1855.*

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the above Message was read by the Clerk.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch and Order in Council.

GEELONG RAILWAY DIVIDEND GUARANTEE BILL.—The Debate on this question—interrupted by the delivery of the above Message—resumed.

Question—That this Bill be now read a first time—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 15.
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Highett,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Mollison,*
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Strachan (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Mollison,* (*Teller.*)

* *Sic in orig.*

Bill read a first time.

6. CHINESE AND TARTARS.—Mr. Fawcner moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker do leave the Chair, and that this Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider (1.) What sum shall be raised from each male Chinese or Tartar who shall locate himself on any Gold Field in Victoria, and shall decide whether the Registration Fee of such Chinese or Tartar for leave to dig for gold or for carrying on any trade on the Gold Fields, shall be monthly, quarterly, or yearly, or all of those periods, and the amount each male shall pay. (2.) To consider whether it is politic, prudent, or safe to permit the male Chinese and Tartars to mix with and annoy the other classes of our mixed population, and, if it be found dangerous so to do, whether set and prescribed parts of all or certain Gold Fields should not be marked off, and from time to time altered as may seem necessary. (3.) To consider whether, from the increasing thousands of these people constantly pouring into this Colony, the time has not arrived when persons conversant with the Chinese language and customs should (if possible) be appointed as wardens or guardians of the rights and privileges of these people, with all the necessary officers.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave of the Council, withdrawn.

7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—On the motion of Mr. Chapman the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 22nd May instant.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under:—

“ *Scab Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee* ”—until Wednesday, 23rd May instant.—To take precedence of all other Orders of the Day.

“ *River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill—To be further considered in Committee;* ”

“ *Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee;* ”

“ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee;* ”

“ *Mechanics' Institute, Geelong—Grant for—To be further considered in Committee* ”—respectively until Tuesday, 22nd May instant.

“ *Wharves, Geelong—To be further considered in Committee* ”—until Wednesday, 23rd May instant.

9. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 22nd May instant.

Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. APPROPRIATION BILL—Third reading.
2. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
5. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
6. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
8. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY.

General Business:—

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 23rd May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 111.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
“ District Licensing Act Continuation Bill (No. 2.) ”
“ Number of Members of Council Increase Bill.”
“ Melbourne Gas and Coke Company Loan Bill.”
3. RAILWAYS.—The Colonial Secretary brought up a progress report from the Select Committee of this Council to which this subject was referred, and moved that it be received.
 Question—put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed and taken into consideration on Tuesday, 29th May instant.
4. APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Auditor General, read a third time and *passed*.
 The Auditor General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
“ An Act for applying certain sums arising from the Revenue receivable in the Colony of Victoria to the service thereof for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for further appropriating the said Revenue.”
 Question—put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until after the consideration of the other Orders of the Day:—
“ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee; ”
 and the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow:—
“ Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.”
6. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow—Bill as amended to be printed.
7. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
8. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read:—

AUSTRALIAN MINT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

*Governor.**Message No. 63.*

The Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, dated the 31st December, 1854 (No. 50), transmitting copy of a Despatch addressed to the Governor of New South Wales, enclosing the Orders in Council and Proclamation necessary to empower the Coinage of Gold at the Sydney Mint, and for giving currency to the same within the Australian Colonies.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed together with the enclosures.

ACTS OF COUNCIL—ROYAL ASSENT.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 64.

Governor.

Pursuant to the Act of Parliament 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, section 33, the Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated, in a Despatch dated 12th February, 1855 (No. 1), that Her Majesty has been pleased to confirm and allow the following Acts of Council of this Colony, viz. :—

No. 23.—16 Victoria—“An Act for the general regulation of the Customs in the Colony of Victoria.”—31st December, 1852.

No. 17.—17 Victoria—“An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act for the general regulation of the Customs in the Colony of Victoria.’”—8th April, 1854.

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

IMMIGRANTS BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,

Message No. 65.

Governor.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of
“A Bill to make Provision for certain Immigrants.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 22nd May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Bill, taken into consideration to-morrow.

GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The above Message having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that a point of Order had arisen in Committee during the consideration of the above Bill, viz.—That a new clause having been proposed to be introduced into the Bill, it was objected to, as not coming within the preamble of the Bill, whereupon a question arose whether such proposed clause did come within the preamble of the Bill, which question he (the Chairman) was directed to report to the Council.

Debate ensued.

The Speaker having expressed his wish that the sense of the House should be taken upon the point—The Attorney General moved that the clause proposed to be inserted in the Bill is in accordance with the preamble thereof.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fyfe, (Teller.)

Noes, 7.

Mr. Wills,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Greeves, (Teller.)

The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 29th May inst.

9. GOLD FIELDS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Council adopted the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields.”

10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow :—

“Mechanics’ Institution, Geelong—Grant for—To be further considered in
“Committee.”

“Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.”

Council adjourned at half-past six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY.

Government Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY: To move, That the House at its rising on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 29th day of May instant.

General Business:—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Adoption of Report.
2. IMMIGRANTS' BILL—Consideration of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 65.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORLONGE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing :—
 - (1.) How the sum of £25,000, voted for main roads and bridges to Warrnambool, Belfast and Portland, and to the Glenelg, has been expended.
 - (2.) How the vote of 1854, for the Sydney Road, has been appropriated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

2. WHARVES, GEELONG—To be further considered in Committee.
3. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of Report from Select Committee.
2. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 23rd May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 11 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 112.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Post Office, Maryborough.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Chapman, 17th May, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 29th May instant.
Question—put and passed.
4. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 29th May instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
5. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 29th May instant.
6. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 65 having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Message was read by the Clerk.
The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill accompanying such Message, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for certain Immigrants,*" be now read a first time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be read a second time Tuesday, 29th May instant, and to be printed.
7. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 29th May instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
8. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 29th May instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
9. ROADS TO WARRNAMBOOL, &c.—Mr. Forlonge moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing :—
 - (1.) How the sum of £25,000, voted for main roads and bridges to Warrnambool, Belfast and Portland, and to the Glenelg, has been expended.
 - (2.) How the vote of 1854, for the Sydney Road, has been appropriated.
 Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.

10. PAPER.—Mr. F. Murphy (President of the Central Road Board), by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the following Paper:—
Return of Expenditure and Liabilities under existing contracts chargeable against the 1855 Vote of £25,000 for main Roads and Bridges to Belfast, Warruambool, Portland, and the Glenelg districts.
Ordered to be printed.
11. WHARVES, GEELONG.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year the sum of £20,000 for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the current year the sum of £10,000 for the extension of the Wharves and improvements of the Harbor at Geelong.
On the motion of Mr. Strachan, the Council adopted such report.
12. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 29th May instant.
13. MECHANICS INSTITUTION, GEELONG.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics Institution at Geelong.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 29th May instant.
Council adjourned at eight minutes after six o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of May instant.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. F. MURPHY: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Survey be taken of the River Yarra and its banks from Prince's Bridge to Dight's Falls, with the view of ascertaining the number, nature, and extent of those establishments whose operations tend to pollute the river, the nature of the impurities, and their effect upon the water as an article of domestic consumption; and that His Excellency will be pleased to lay the information so obtained before the Council at as early a period as possible.
2. MR. FYFE: To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House a Return of all Crown Lands leased to persons holding purchased ground at an annual rental of ten shillings per section; and if any assessment has been charged on Stock depasturing on the said Crown Lands during the past year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. RAILWAYS—Consideration of Report from Select Committee.
2. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
3. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL—Third reading.
5. IMMIGRANTS' BILL—Second reading.
6. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
7. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
9. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG—GRANT FOR.—To be further considered in Committee.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 113.

TUESDAY, 29TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Contract for Stationery.—Copies of Tenders, Contract and Correspondence.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SURVEY OF THE RIVER YARRA AND THE ESTABLISHMENTS THEREON.—Mr. Francis Murphy moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Survey be taken of the River Yarra and its banks from Prince's Bridge to Dight's Falls, with the view of ascertaining the number, nature, and extent of those establishments whose "operations" tend to pollute the river, the nature of the impurities, and their effect upon the water as an article of domestic "consumption;" and that His Excellency will be pleased to lay the information so obtained before the Council at as early a period as possible.
Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment—That after the word "operations," in the fifth line of the above motion, the words "with any other causes which," be inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Mr. Snodgrass moved, as a further amendment, that, after the word "consumption," in the seventh line of the above motion, the following words be inserted—"also the extent and value of the Establishments on the Yarra, and the probable amount that may be required as compensation (if any) to any parties whose trade may be interfered with in a Legislative enactment for the suppression of such Establishments."
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Survey be taken of the River Yarra and its banks from Prince's Bridge to Dight's Falls, with the view of ascertaining the number, nature, and extent of those establishments whose operations with any other causes which tend to pollute the river, the nature of the impurities, and their effect upon the water as an article of domestic consumption; also, the extent and value of the establishments on the Yarra, and the probable amount that may be required as compensation (if any) to any parties whose trade may be interfered with in a Legislative enactment for the suppression of such establishments; and that His Excellency will be pleased to lay the information so obtained before the Council at as early a period as possible—put and passed.
4. LEASES OF CROWN LANDS.—Mr. Fyfe moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of the House a Return of all Crown Lands leased to persons holding purchased ground at an annual rental of ten shillings per section; and if any assessment has been charged on Stock depasturing on the said Crown Lands during the past year.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. PAPER.—The Surveyor General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned paper :—
Leases of Crown Lands—Holders of Purchased Lands.—Return of all Crown Lands leased to persons holding purchased ground at an annual rental of 10s. per section.
Ordered to be printed.

6. RAILWAYS.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Progress Report from the Select Committee of this Council appointed to consider His Excellency the Governor's Message No. 45, relative to the construction of Railways in Victoria, having been read—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of such Report. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolutions :—

1. That in the opinion of the Committee it is expedient that lines of Railway not exceeding Two hundred miles in the whole, be forthwith surveyed under the direction of the Surveyor General, at an average expense not exceeding Eighty pounds per mile.
2. That leading lines of Railway in Victoria ought to be under the control of the General Government.
3. That it is not advisable for the general prosperity of Victoria that the Government should guarantee interest upon capital employed by private companies in the future construction of any private railway.
4. That the most desirable lines of Railway to be surveyed at present and plans and sections taken for, are :—
 - 1st. A direct line from Melbourne to Castlemaine, with a view to its further extension to the Murray.
 - 2nd. A direct line from Geelong to Ballarat, with a view to its further extension to the westward.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council adopted the above Report, and ordered an Address embodying the same to be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

7. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration on Thursday, the 31st May instant.

8. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Wills, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Friday, 1st of June next—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

9. RIVER YARRA POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill—

*“ An Act to prevent the further pollution of the Waters of the River Yarra
“ Yarra above the City of Melbourne.”*

Question—put and passed.

10. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill, having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under :—

“ Immigrants' Bill—Second reading”

“ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report”—respectively, until to-morrow, and

“ Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report”—until Friday, 1st June next.

12. MECHANICS' INSTITUTION, GEELONG.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the whole Council of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1855 the sum of £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong, having been read, The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported that the Committee considered it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1855 the sum of £1000 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong—On the Motion of Mr. Fyfe, the Council adopted such Report.

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

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ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
2. IMMIGRANTS' BILL—Second reading.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Adoption of Report.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 30th May.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 114.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
3. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read :—

CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill to further amend an Act intituled, ‘ An Act for the general regulation
“ of Customs in the Colony of Victoria.’ ”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Governor.

Message No. 67.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill for granting additional Duties of Customs in the Colony of Victoria.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

STAMP DUTIES BILL.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

In pursuance of the provisions of the statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of

“ A Bill for granting certain Stamp Duties in Victoria.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 30th May, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill accompanying His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 66, intituled, “ A Bill to further amend an Act intituled, ‘ An Act for the general regulation of Customs in the Colony of Victoria,’ ” be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Thursday, 7th June next, and to be printed.
5. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS' DUTIES BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill accompanying His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 67, intituled, “ A Bill for granting additional Duties of Customs in the Colony of Victoria ” be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time Wednesday, 6th June next, and to be printed.
6. STAMP DUTIES BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill accompanying His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 68, intituled, “ A Bill for granting certain Stamp Duties in Victoria,” be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time.—Ordered to be read a second time Thursday, 7th June next, and to be printed.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The above Messages having been read—
The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 1st June next—Bill as amended to be printed.

7. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.
On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until Friday, 1st June next:—
“*Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report.*”

Council adjourned at five minutes to seven o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. IMMIGRANTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To ask the Colonial Secretary for information respecting the distribution, during the present half-year, of the funds derived from the sale of impounded cattle.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the “*Bill to incorporate a Company to be called ‘The Geelong, Ballarat and North-Western Railway Company,’*” be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. STAMP DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 6th June.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 115.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Fawkner presented a Petition from certain storekeepers and other traders of Forest Creek, praying that such portions of the thirteenth clause of the Gold Export Duties Act as relate to the remission of the Escort Fees may be amended, and that the Export Duty, whether fixed at two shillings or two shillings and sixpence per ounce, be rendered a separate duty; and that the said Fees may be levied either on all gold forwarded by the Government Escort for whatever purpose, or that the said Escort be thrown open to the public without any charge whatsoever.
Petition received.
3. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read, The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof. The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
4. DISTRIBUTION OF POUND FEES TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.—Mr. Harrison, by leave of the Council, without notice, moved, That an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House a return of the Charitable Institutions that have received sums out of the amount collected for Pound Fees between the 1st January and 31st May, 1855.
Question—put and passed.
5. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Distribution of Pound Fees to Charitable Institutions.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Harrison, 31st May, 1855.
Ordered to be printed.
6. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council on this Bill having been read—On the motion of Mr. Fyfe, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Wednesday, 6th June next.
Council adjourned at three minutes to five o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HARRISON : To move, That the "*Bill to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Geelong, Ballarat and North-Western Railway Company,'*" be now read a second time.
2. MR. HORNE : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Post Offices at Belfast and Warrnambool be not discontinued and placed in private hands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. IMMIGRANTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That as no statement has been placed upon the Table of this House shewing the true financial position of the Government, this House deems it inexpedient and impolitic in the Government introducing any new mode of taxation during the present Session.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. STAMP DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

MEETING
OF
SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 6th June.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 116.

FRIDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
“ Appropriation Bill.”
“ River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill.”
3. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper:—
 Police Office, Tarraville.—Copies of Correspondence.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. GEELONG, BALLAARAT, AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL.—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to Notice, that this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 Council divided—

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 27.

The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Farie,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Mollison,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

5. POST OFFICES AT BELFAST AND WARRNAMBOOL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Post Offices at Belfast and Warrnambool be not discontinued, and placed in private hands.
 Debate ensued—and ordered to be adjourned until Wednesday, 6th June instant.

6. SCAB ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Wills moved that this Bill be “now” read a third “time.”
Debate ensued.

Mr. Snodgrass moved, as an amendment, that the word “now” be omitted, and that the words “this day three months” be added after the word “time.”

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Council divided.

Ayes, 21.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 8.

The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Snodgrass, (*Teller.*)

Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “now” be omitted with a view of inserting in their place the word, “re-committed.”

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill do now pass—put and passed.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

“An Act for preventing the extension of the disease called Scab in Sheep.”

Question—put and passed.

7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved “that” the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Highett moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word “that” be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words “this Bill be re-committed, in order to re-consider the third clause thereof.”

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

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

Question—That this Bill be re-committed in order to re-consider the third clause thereof—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of the third clause of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Tuesday, 5th June instant.

8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 5th June instant.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed until Tuesday, 5th June instant:—

“Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report.”

“Immigrants' Bill—To be further considered in Committee.”

Council adjourned at a quarter to seven o'clock until three o'clock on Tuesday next.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. STRACHAN : To move, That as no statement has been placed upon the Table of this House shewing the true financial position of the Government, this House deems it inexpedient and impolitic in the Government introducing any new mode of taxation during the present Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.
3. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
4. IMMIGRANTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

General Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. POST OFFICES AT BELFAST AND WARRNAMBOOL—Adjourned debate.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. STAMP DUTIES BILL—Second reading.

MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 6th June.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 117.

TUESDAY, 5TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolution of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Governor, the following Addresses, viz.:—
 - Post Office, Maryborough.—Adopted on the 17th May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Chapman ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would comply with the wishes of the Legislative Council.
 - Belfast Harbor.—Adopted on the 18th May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Beaver ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates, but it must be clearly understood that its appropriation will depend upon the Government holding sufficient funds in hand.
 - Wharves Geelong.—Adopted on the 23rd May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Strachan ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate, but it must be clearly understood that its appropriation will depend upon the Government holding sufficient funds in hand.
 - Survey of the River Yarra and the Establishments thereon.—Adopted on the 29th of May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Francis Murphy, as amended ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the information to be furnished to the Legislative Council as soon as practicable.
 - Railways.—Adopted on the 29th May, 1855, on the motion of the Colonial Secretary ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he entirely coincides with the Legislative Council in the view they take and the measures they recommend for the initiation of Railways in the Colony ; and that he will give directions that the line of country which the Council indicate be surveyed without delay.
 - Mechanics' Institution, Geelong.—Adopted on the 29th May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fyfe ;
and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that he would cause the sum to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate ; but it must be clearly understood that its appropriation will depend upon the Government holding sufficient funds in hand.
3. TAXATION.—Mr. Strachan moved, pursuant to notice, "*That*" as no statement has been placed upon the Table of this House, shewing the true financial position of the "*Government*," this House deems it inexpedient and impolitic in the Government introducing any new mode of taxation during the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mollison moved, as an amendment, that all the words in the above motion after the word "*That*" in the first line thereof down to and including the word "*Government*" in the third line thereof, be struck out.

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

Question—That this House deems it inexpedient and impolitic in the Government introducing any new mode of taxation during the present Session—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 21.
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Greeves,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Ross,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. James Murphy,
 The Auditor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Farie, (*Teller.*)

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Orders of the Day to be postponed as under :—

“*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill—Third reading*”—until Friday,
 8th June instant.

“*Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill—To be further considered in
 Committee;*”—and

“*Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report*”—until Thursday,
 7th June instant.

“*Immigrants Bill—To be further considered in Committee*”—until to-morrow.

Council adjourned at eight minutes to nine o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL—Second reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS BILL—To be further considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. HERVEY : To ask the Colonial Secretary the number of contracts accepted for the construction of Public Works, since 1st January, 1855, and for what amount?
2. MR. HERVEY : To ask the Auditor General (1.) The amount at the credit of the appropriated moiety of the Land Fund on 31st May, and where lodged? (2.) The amount transmitted, and when, to the Emigration Commissioners since 1st January, 1855?

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. POST OFFICES AT BELFAST AND WARRNAMBOOL—Adjourned debate.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. STAMP DUTIES BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
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MEETING

OF

SELECT COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 6th June.

HOLMES' CONTRACT—at 12 o'clock.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 118.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Papers, viz. :—
 Progress Reports.—From the Committee of Finance.
 Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of Victoria for the year 1854.
 Additional Supreme Court Rule, No. 35, cap. 10.
 Severally ordered to be printed.
3. ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged from the paper.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.
4. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. GEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Fyfe, read a third time and *passed*.
 Mr. Fyfe then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
 “ *An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, ‘An Act to Incorporate a Company “to be called the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company.’*”
 Question—put and passed.
6. POST OFFICES AT BELFAST AND WARRNAMBOOL.—The Order of the Day for the adjourned debate on the motion, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that the Post Offices at Belfast and Warrnambool be not discontinued and placed in private hands, having been read—
 Mr. Horne, by leave of the Council, amended the motion by inserting the words, “ and Portland.”
 Debate resumed.
 Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Post Offices at Belfast and Warrnambool and Portland be not discontinued and placed in private hands—put and passed.
 Council adjourned at six o'clock until three o'clock to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE.

Government Business :—

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. CUSTOMS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Second reading.
2. STAMP DUTIES BILL—Second reading.
3. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—To be further considered in Committee.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. IMMIGRANTS BILL—To be further re-considered in Committee.

General Business :—

1. MR. FAWKNER : To ask the Colonial Secretary—
 (1.) Whether the Government have received information that one or more vessels from China are on their passage here freighted only with Female Immigrants.
 (2.) Whether the Government have prepared any scheme to protect and watch over these Immigrants, in order to prevent any social evils that may arise on their arrival.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient that the expenditure for Public Works and improvements of a permanent kind should be charged to the Annual General Revenue of this Colony when that Revenue is insufficient to meet the requirements of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 119.

THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Collector of Customs the Council ordered that the following Orders of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—

“ Customs Regulation Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.”
“ Stamp Duties Bill—Second reading.”
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered that the consideration of the Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 be postponed until after the consideration of Order of the Day No. 5.
4. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further re-consideration thereof. The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.
5. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Council having been read—The Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read :—

PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL.
CHAS. HOTHAM, *Message No. 69.*
Governor.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Statute 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, for its consideration, the draft of
“ A Bill to raise Monies for certain Public Works.”

Government Offices,
Melbourne, 7th June, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.
7. PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill accompanying His Excellency The Governor's Message No. 69, intituled, *“ A Bill to raise Monies for certain Public Works,”* be now read a first time.
Question—put and passed—Bill read a first time—Ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed.
8. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The above message having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.
9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until to-morrow :—

“ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report.”

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CAMPBELL : To move, That in the opinion of this House it is not expedient that the expenditure for Public Works and improvements of a permanent kind should be charged to the Annual General Revenue of this Colony when that Revenue is insufficient to meet the requirements of the Colony.
2. MR. GREEVES : To move, That this House, having resolved that the financial state of the Colony is not such as to require additional taxation during the present Session, and considering that it is expedient to provide funds to defray the expenditure voted by it, is of opinion, that in order to prevent the great evils which would result from the suspension of the Public Works of the Colony, the Government ought to borrow for the service of 1855, from the territorial revenue,—so far as practicable without impeding a due amount of female immigration,—or other sources, any sum not exceeding the estimated deficit of the year ; and this House pledges itself to provide the means of refunding the amount when called on.
3. MR. HARRISON : To move, That in the opinion of this Council—
 - (1.) The Government Assay Office should be re-organised.
 - (2.) That any party depositing gold for assay should be entitled to direct that the same should be cast into ingots or pieces of standard fineness and of determinate weights, not being less than one ounce each.
 - (3.) That on the completion of the assay and reduction to standard fineness of any quantity of gold, the owner should be at liberty to remove the same from the Assay Office, or to leave it in the custody of the Government, on receiving certificates entitling him to claim, at any time, an equal weight of standard gold, such certificates to be transferable by delivery.
 - (4.) That the charges should be sufficient to cover all expenses of carrying the proposed arrangements into effect.
4. MR. FAWKNER : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—
 - (1.) A return of the amounts paid each year by the whole of the Squatters, particularising the sum paid by each individual separately as license money, and how many licenses.
 - (2.) Assessment money each year (if any) each person.
 - (3.) Quantity of land held under each license ; number and description of stock kept or returned on each licensed run.
 - (4.) Sum total of each year and grand total of all.
 To commence with the 1st of July, 1851, and brought down to June, 1855.
5. MR. O'SHANASSY : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid on the Table of this House a copy of a Memorial from the 230 of the inhabitants of Maryborough, in public meeting assembled, requesting that the Government Camp should be removed from its present remote and inconvenient locality to a central position, with reference to the Township, having in view security for life and property, and also a copy of His Excellency the Governor's answer.
6. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY : To move, That the House at its rising on Friday, the 8th instant, do adjourn until Monday, the 11th day of June instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS BILL—Adoption of Report.
3. PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL—Second reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Adoption of Report.
5. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
 No. 120.

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. POINT OF ORDER.—Mr. Greeves having been called upon by the Speaker to move the motion standing in his name, No. 2, on the Notice Paper of the day—Mr. O'Shanassy rose to order, and objected to the motion being allowed to be made, on the ground that the subject to which it alludes had already been entertained and resolved upon by the Council on the 13th day of December last.

Debate ensued.

3. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read :—
 OCCUPATION OF CROWN LANDS.

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

The Governor transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, a Report from the Commission appointed to enquire into the Tenure of Waste Lands of the Crown.

It was His Excellency's intention to have submitted a scheme for the definitive adjustment of this important subject during the present session, but the late receipt of the Report precludes the Governor, at this period, from doing more than causing the Report to be laid before the Council.

*Government Offices,
 Melbourne, 8th June, 1855.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Report.

- POINT OF ORDER.—The debate, interrupted by the delivery of the above Message, resumed—The Attorney General moved, That in the opinion of this Council the question having already been decided during the present Session, cannot now be entertained, and that the Council do now proceed to the next Notice of Motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.

Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

4. **ASSAY OF GOLD.**—Mr. Harrison moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this Council—

- (1.) The Government Assay Office should be re-organised.
- (2.) That any party depositing gold for assay should be entitled to direct that the same should be cast into ingots or pieces of standard fineness and of determinate weights, not being less than one ounce each.
- (3.) That on the completion of the assay and reduction to standard fineness of any quantity of gold, the owner should be at liberty to remove the same from the Assay Office, or to leave it in the custody of the Government, on receiving certificates entitling him to claim, at any time, an equal weight of standard gold, such certificates to be transferable by delivery.
- (4.) That the charges should be sufficient to cover all expenses of carrying the proposed arrangements into effect.

Debate ensued.

The Collector of Customs moved the previous question.

Question—That this question be now put—put and negatived.

5. **CROWN LAND LICENSES.**—Mr. Fawkner moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this Council—

- (1.) A return of the amounts paid each year by the whole of the Squatters, particularising the sum paid by each individual separately as license money, and how many licenses.
- (2.) Assessment money each year (if any) each person.
- (3.) Quantity of land held under each license; number and description of stock kept or returned on each licensed run.
- (4.) Sum total of each year and grand total of all.

To commence with the 1st of July, 1851, and brought down to June, 1855.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

6. **RESIGNATION OF SEAT IN COUNCIL.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, transmitting a copy of the resignation by George Ward Cole, Esq., of his seat as a Member of this Council for the Electoral District of the Pastoral District of Gipps' Land.

7. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.**—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, that this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Monday next, 11th June instant, at three o'clock.

Question—put and passed.

8. **BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Chapman moved "that" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. A'Beckett moved, as an amendment, that all the words after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words "the Speaker leave the Chair."

Question—That the Speaker leave the Chair—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hervey,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller*).

Noes, 12.

Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller*.)

The Speaker left the chair, and the Committee resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Monday, 11th June instant.

9. **IMMIGRANTS' BILL.**—The Attorney General moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Fyfe moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert in their place the words, "this Bill be re-committed."

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

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

Question—That this Bill be re-committed—put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Monday, 11th June instant—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

10. PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned papers :—

University of Melbourne—Annual Report for the year 1854.

Public Works—Contracts accepted for the year 1855.

Severally ordered to be printed.

11. PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL.—The Attorney General moved that this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Monday, 11th June instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.

12. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—

On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time on Monday, 11th June instant.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Council ordered the consideration of the following Order of the Day to be postponed until Monday next, 11th June instant :—

“ Mining Partnerships Regulation Bill—Adoption of Report.”

The Council adjourned at twenty-six minutes to eight o'clock until three o'clock on Monday next.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, 11TH JUNE.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SNODGRASS : To move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a Copy of the Correspondence connected with the Dismissal from Office of Dr. Campbell, late Coroner for the County of Bourke.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
2. IMMIGRANTS BILL—Third reading.
3. PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL—Third reading.
4. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL—Third reading.
5. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Adoption of Report.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 121.

MONDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from John Rutherford and James Tingman, of the City of Melbourne, wholesale wine and spirit merchants, praying that the House would cause an enquiry to be made into the circumstances stated in the Petition, or afford them such other redress as may seem meet.
Petition received.
3. DR. W. H. CAMPBELL.—Mr. Snodgras moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of the Correspondence connected with the dismissal from Office of Dr. Campbell, late Coroner for the County of Bourke.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
4. HOLMES' CONTRACT.—Mr. Greeves brought up the Report from the Select Committee of this Council to which this subject was referred, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed—Ordered to be printed.
5. LIBRARY.—Mr. Greeves, on behalf of the Speaker as Chairman of the Library Committee of this Council, brought up the Report from the Committee, and moved that it be received.
Question—put and passed.
Read and ordered to be printed.
6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNCIL.—The Colonial Secretary, by leave of the Council, without notice, moved, That the Council at its rising this day do adjourn until one o'clock to-morrow.
Question—put and passed.
7. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned Paper :—
Port of Melbourne—Report upon the various plans for the improvement of the Port of Melbourne.
Report ordered to be printed, and plans ordered to be lithographed.
8. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Chapman, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Chapman then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—
" An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Bank of New South Wales."
Question—put and passed.
9. IMMIGRANTS BILL.—The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.
The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill—
" An Act to make provision for certain Immigrants."
Question—put and passed.

10. PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to authorise the raising monies for certain Public Works.”

Question—put and passed.

11. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Friendly Societies.”

Question—put and passed.

12. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Council upon this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.

13. PETITION. — Mr. Wills presented a Petition from several merchants, traders and others residing in the Town of Geelong, praying that this Council will be pleased to take the statements set forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and that should this Council feel the justness and reasonableness of the Petitioners' request, then that an Address might emanate from this Council to His Excellency, praying that he would be graciously pleased to sanction and proclaim the premises particularized in the Petition as a Bonding Warehouse for the Town and Port of Geelong.

14. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—On the motion of Mr. Wills, the Council ordered that Standing Order, No. 18, be suspended.

Mr. Wills then moved that the above Petition be read by the Clerk.

Question—put and passed—Petition read.

15. BONDED STORE, GEELONG.—Mr. Wills moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will sanction the issue of a license for an additional Bonded Store at Geelong.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Council divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Russell,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 19.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Bradshaw,
The Collector of Customs,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Mollison,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Snodgrass, (*Teller*.)

16. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Fyfe moved that Standing Order, No. 18, be suspended.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put.
 Council divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.

The Colonial Engineer,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Russell,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

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

ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL—Third reading.

CONTINGENT NOTICE OF MOTION.

Should the Royal Assent to the "*Constitutional Act*" not be proclaimed in this Colony on or before the first day of the next Session of the Legislative Council thereof, or should no satisfactory information as to the causes which have induced the Secretary of State for the Colonies to delay advising Her Majesty to give Her Royal Assent to the same be then communicated to this House—

- Mr. CHAPMAN: To move on an early day next Session, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief, representing to His Excellency that the great, and apparently needless, delay which has taken place on the part of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in advising Her Most Gracious Majesty to give Her Royal Assent to the "*Constitutional Act*" of this Colony, and the withholding from Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony all information and explanation as to the reasons or causes of such delay, are calculated to create, and have already created, great disappointment and discontent in the minds of Her Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the people of Victoria; and praying that His Excellency will be pleased forthwith to give his assent to the said Act, in the name and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 122.

TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADDRESSES.—The Speaker announced to the Council that he had, pursuant to the resolutions of the Council, presented to His Excellency the Governor the following Addresses, viz. :—
 - Distribution of Pound Fees to Charitable Institutions.—Adopted on the 31st May, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Harrison ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the wishes of the Legislative Council had already been complied with in this matter.
 - Post Offices at Belfast and Warrnambool.—Adopted on the 6th June, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Horne ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state, that after the recent vote of the Council he could not give an immediate answer to the question.
 - Crown Lands Licenses.—Adopted on the 8th June, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Fawcner ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that these Returns should be supplied for the information of the Legislative Council.
 - Dr. W. H. Campbell.—Adopted on the 11th June, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass ;
 - and that His Excellency had, in reply to such Address, been pleased to state that the wishes of the Legislative Council should be complied with.
3. ASSENT TO BILLS.—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills :—
 - “ *Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill* ;”
 - “ *Scab Bill* ;”
 - “ *Geelong and Melbourne Railway Act Amendment Bill* ;”
 - “ *Bank of New South Wales Acts Amendment Bill* ;”
 - “ *Immigrants Bill* ;”
 - “ *Public Works Money Bill* ;”
 - “ *Friendly Societies Law Amendment Bill* .”
4. MINING PARTNERSHIPS REGULATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read—On the motion of the Attorney General the Speaker left the Chair, and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Council adopted the same.

The Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of the Attorney General, read a third time and *passed*.

The Attorney General then moved that the following be the title of the Bill—

“ *An Act for the better regulation of Mining Companies.*”

Question—put and passed.
5. PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table of the Council the undermentioned paper :—
 - Dr. W. H. Campbell.—Return to Address, adopted on the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, 11th June, 1855.

Ordered to be printed.

6. **ASSENT TO BILL.**—The Speaker announced to the Council that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill :—

“ *Mining Companies Regulation Bill.*”

7. **BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.**—The Speaker reported that of seventy-three Bills introduced into the Council, forty-nine had been passed and received the Royal assent; three had been passed and reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon; two had lapsed in the Council; four had lapsed in Committee of the whole Council; three had lapsed in Select Committee; three had been negatived on motion for second reading; one had been disposed of on the question “ *this day six months;*” and eight had been discharged from the paper by order.

8. **MELBOURNE, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY BILL.**—Mr. Miller brought up the Report of the Select Committee to which this Bill had been referred.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

9. **PROROGATION OF THE COUNCIL.**—His Excellency the Governor having arrived at the Council Chamber, and having been duly announced by the Serjeant-at-Arms, was received by the Speaker and the Members of the Council, and by them conducted to an elevated seat provided for him near the Speaker's Chair—

His Excellency then read the following Speech :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

The heavy pressure of public business has compelled me to prolong the Session to an unusual period, but the time has arrived when I need not request your further assistance, and when I may tender my thanks to the Council for the labors they have undergone.

I have given the Royal Assent to several measures of great importance.

The history of the world proves that trade and commerce, and the liberty and freedom that are coincident therewith, have best developed themselves where local institutions and the principles of self-government have been in vigor, and I therefore rejoice that the Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions is now the law of the land.

After careful deliberation I assented to the Act for preventing the influx of criminals; by the enforcement of its provisions I trust the real purport of all law will be attained, and protection given to persons and property.

To the Acts regulating the laws on the Gold Fields and the Revenue I have also given the Royal Assent. For much information and assistance I am indebted to the Commission who visited the Gold Fields, and I trust the measures which have been framed in the spirit of their recommendation may have the effect of promoting the welfare and contentment of one of the most important interests in this Colony.

The surveys, preparatory to future measures for the introduction of railways, shall, in accordance with the desire of the Legislative Council, be undertaken with a hope that when the Council re-assemble, they may find themselves in a position to offer such guarantee to the capitalist as may induce him with confidence to invest his capital in the railways of this Colony.

In one of my earliest Despatches to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State I pointed out the evils which must ensue unless some restrictions were placed upon the inroad of the Chinese. The Act to which I have given the Royal Assent is prohibitory in its character, but it does not contravene the conditions of our treaty with China; whilst the peculiar state of this Colony, and the amount of Chinese immigration with which it is threatened, require that legislative enactments should be made for the protection of its inhabitants.

To the financial condition of the Colony I have given my earnest attention. I have instituted Commissions of Enquiry into such departments of the Government as control a large expenditure or receipt of money, and their Reports will be presented to the Council. I am thankful to the Members of the Commissions for the gratuitous sacrifices which they have made for the benefit of the public. In the meantime the establishments have been reduced, and a saving of considerably more than one million sterling on the sum originally estimated for the service of this year, has been effected.

I have also given the Royal Assent to an Act for the appropriation of the Revenue; and in order that the Legislative Council might enable me to carry their votes into execution, I submitted measures for their consideration involving an alteration in the Tariff and a duty of Stamps.

A very general desire, in which I participated, has been manifested that the conditions for the occupation of Crown Lands for pastoral purposes should be finally determined during this Session; but the information necessary for this purpose has only recently been presented to me.

In connexion with a proposition of increased taxation, it seemed but reasonable that, before calling on the people to submit to fresh burdens, the Government should take care that the public property yielded a fair rental. I had chiefly in view the final settlement of a long disputed question and a diminution of the taxation which would otherwise be imposed. The recent decision of the Council has interfered with these hopes, and I am obliged to postpone the matter.

The Legislative Council has resolved that "this House deems it inexpedient and "impolitic in the Government introducing any new mode of taxation during the present "Session," and therefore I am unable to give effect to their votes. I am compelled to stop such of the Public Works as are not under contract, and to make further reductions in those establishments which the Council had resolved to be necessary for the performance of the Public Service.

I regret to be obliged to record these facts, but the Colony cannot flourish if its finances are not in a healthy state. On them the capitalist depends for the security of his money; and in a young country more especially, due regard should be had to the consideration which it is likely to enjoy abroad.

I now declare this Council to stand prorogued until the 4th of September next.

(Signed)

CHAS. HOTHAM,
Governor.

12th June, 1855.

His Excellency then retired, and being conducted to the door by the Speaker and Members, the Council stood prorogued to Tuesday, the fourth day of September next.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

1. MR. O'SHANASSY: To move early in the ensuing Session—

- (1.) That this Council after four years practical experience of the working of the system of Irresponsible Government in Victoria, declares that it has proved itself most injurious to the highest interests of her people, confessedly unsuited to their wants, opposed most flagrantly to their deliberate wishes, destructive alike of their unalienable rights and most cherished constitutional liberties, and ought forthwith to cease for ever in this country.
- (2.) That whether the New Constitution shall have reached Victoria or not, this Council is of opinion that it is their paramount duty to call upon the Governor-in-Chief, on behalf of the inhabitants whose happiness and prosperity are imperilled, present and future, to establish a system in consonance with the views and opinions of a free people—the enlightened system of Responsible Government.
- (3.) That this Council pledges itself to make an equitable provision for those Officers of Government who may be compelled to retire from office in consequence of the contemplated political changes.

J. F. PALMER,
Speaker.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1854-55.

1.—REPLY TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.

Appointed 21st September, 1854.

Mr. Taylor,	|	The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. O'Shanassy,	|	Mr. Haines,
Mr. Griffith,	|	Mr. Bradshaw (<i>Mover</i>).

2.—STANDING ORDERS.

Appointed 22nd September, 1854.

The Speaker,	|	The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,	|	The Chairman of Committees,
Mr. Griffith,	|	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,	|	Mr. F. Murphy.

3.—THE LIBRARY.

Appointed 22nd September, 1854.

The Speaker,	|	* The Chairman of General Sessions (Mr. Pohlman),
Mr. Greeves,	|	The Surveyor General,
Mr. Riddell,	|	† The Auditor General.
* Mr. Haines (afterwards Colonial Secretary),	|	
Mr. Fawkner,	|	

* Re-appointed 2nd February, 1855.

† Appointed 7th February, 1855.

4.—MARRIAGE LAWS.

Appointed 26th September, 1854.

Mr. Griffith,	|	Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,	|	Mr. Miller,
Mr. James Murphy,	|	Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,	|	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkinson,	|	The Attorney General (<i>Mover</i>).

5.—LIQUORS' SALE LAWS.

Appointed 26th September, 1854.

Mr. Greeves,	|	Mr. Goodman,
The Colonial Secretary (Mr. Foster, resigned),	|	Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Bradshaw,	|	Mr. Smith,
Mr. James Murphy,	|	† Mr. Sargood,
* Mr. Haines (afterwards Colonial Secretary),	|	The Attorney General (<i>Mover</i>).
Mr. Snodgrass,	|	

* Re-appointed 7th February, 1855.

† Appointed 7th February, 1855.

6.—COUNCIL CLUB.

Appointed 27th September, 1854.

Mr. Goodman,	|	Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Haines,	|	Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Highett,	|	* Mr. Wills,
Mr. James Murphy,	|	* Mr. Fyfe.
Mr. Griffith,	|	

* Appointed 21st February, 1855.

7.—LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION.

Appointed 27th September, 1854.

The Speaker,	|	Mr. Greeves,
The Surveyor General,	|	The Colonial Secretary (<i>Mover</i>).

8.—INFLUX OF CRIMINALS PREVENTION BILL.

Appointed 11th October, 1854.

The Attorney General,	|	Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Greeves,	|	Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,	|	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,	|	Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,	|	The Colonial Secretary (<i>Mover</i>).

9.—NEW CONSTITUTION ACT—ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

Appointed 13th October, 1854.

The Speaker,	|	The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Greeves,	|	Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Haines,	|	Mr. Mollison (<i>Mover</i>).

10.—COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY—INCORPORATION BILL.

Appointed 20th October, 1854.

The Collector of Customs,	|	Mr. Russell,
Mr. Smith,	|	Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Annand,	|	Mr. Nicholson (<i>Mover</i>).
Mr. A'Beckett,	|	

11.—COMMON LAW PRACTICE BILL.

Appointed 7th November, 1854.

Mr. A'Beckett,	|	Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Griffith,	|	Mr. Horne,
The Acting Solicitor General,	|	The Attorney General (<i>Mover</i>).

12.—GEEELONG AND MELBOURNE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Appointed 10th November, 1854.

The Attorney General,	|	Mr. Haines,
Mr. McCulloch,	|	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fyfe,	|	Mr. Strachan (<i>Mover</i>).
The Surveyor General,	|	

13.—GEEELONG, BALLAARAT AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY BILL.

Appointed 16th November, 1854.

The Attorney General,	|	The Surveyor General,
Mr. Strachan,	|	Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Nicholson,	|	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Haines (resigned),	|	* Mr. Wills.

* Appointed 2nd February, 1855, in the place of Mr. Haines, Colonial Secretary.

14.—MELBOURNE GAS AND COKE COMPANY CAPITAL INCREASE BILL.

Appointed 16th November, 1854.

Mr. Cole,	|	Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Greeves,	|	Mr. Miller (<i>Mover</i>).
Mr. Smith,	|	

15.—MELBOURNE, BRIGHTON AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY BILL.

Appointed 21st November, 1854.

The Surveyor General,	|	The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Nicholson,	|	Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Bradshaw,	|	Mr. Miller (<i>Mover</i>).
Mr. Goodman,	|	

16.—CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS (BELFAST) BILL.

Appointed 29th November, 1854.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Beaver,

Mr. A'Beckett.
Mr. Horne (*Mover*).

17.—PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.

Appointed 30th November, 1854.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Speaker,
Mr. McCulloch,

The Attorney General,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Miller (*Mover*).

18.—EXTENSION OF WHARVES—HOLMES'S CONTRACT.

Appointed 7th March, 1855.

Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Surveyor General,

Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Greeves (*Mover*).

19.—RAILWAYS.

Appointed 15th March, 1855.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
The Surveyor General,

The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Colonial Secretary (*Mover*).

20.—SOUTH YARRA WATER WORKS COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.

Appointed 30th March, 1855.

The Surveyor General,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Griffith,

Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Miller (*Mover*).

21.—MELBOURNE EXCHANGE COMPANY INCORPORATION BILL.

Appointed 17th April, 1855.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hodgson,

The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson (*Mover*).

22.—BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Appointed 17th April, 1855.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Miller,

Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Chapman (*Mover*).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1854.

THURSDAY, 5TH OCTOBER.

No. 1.—*Discovery of Gold.*—Question proposed—That this Committee considers it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying “*him*” to take such steps as may enable the House to appropriate such pecuniary reward as may be deemed meet, to Mr. Hargreaves, the discoverer of the Gold Fields of Australia, and to the discoverers of the first Victorian Gold Fields.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “*him*,” in the second line of the above question, be omitted, with a view to insert the following words, “to place the sum of £5,500 upon the Estimates for the year 1855, to reward the discoverers of Gold in the Australian Colonies, and that the amount be distributed as follows:—

	£
“ Rev. W. B. Clarke	1,000
“ Mr. E. H. Hargreaves	1,000
“ Mr. Michel	1,000
“ Mr. Esmonds	1,000
“ Mr. Hiscock	1,000
“ Dr. Bruhn	500.”—(<i>Mr. Strachan.</i>)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

The Speaker,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Hightett,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Beaver,
The Solicitor General,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Griffith,
The Surveyor General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller*).

Noes, 9.

Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Haines, (*Teller*).

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 2.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER.

No. 1.—*Passengers' Bill.*—Clause I.—If any ship to which “*The Passengers' Act 1852*” does not extend shall arrive in any Port in Victoria having on board a greater number of passengers exclusive of *bona fide* cabin passengers than in the proportion of one passenger for every *twelve* clear superficial feet or *seventy-two* cubical feet of the space occupied by such passengers such space being free from stores except the personal luggage of such passengers and being in all cases allotted on the main deck or the deck immediately below it not being an Orlop deck or (unless the ship be propelled by steam) having on board a greater number of persons including the master and crew and cabin passengers than in the proportion of one person to every two tons of the tonnage of such ship the owner charterer and master of such ship shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *five* pounds for each passenger so carried in excess or improperly.

Motion made and question put—That the above clause be struck out of the Bill.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Horne,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 28.

Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Sargood,
The Collector of Customs,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Clause II.—If any ship to which “*The Passengers’ Act 1852*” does not extend but carrying a greater number of passengers than in the proportion of one passenger to every twenty-five tons of the tonnage of such ship shall arrive in any port in Victoria having on board as cargo any gunpowder vitriol guano green hides or any other article likely to have endangered the health or life of the passengers or having any of her cargo on deck the owner charterer and master of such ship shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred pounds sterling*.

Motion made and question put—That Clause II be struck out of the Bill.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 24.

Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Smith,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
The Collector of Customs,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Clause IV.—If any ship to which “*The Passengers’ Act 1852*” does not extend shall arrive in any port in Victoria having more than two tiers of berths on any one deck or less than six inches interval between the floor of the berths and the deck immediately beneath them or the berths insecurely constructed or of dimensions less than after the rate of six feet in length and eighteen inches in width for each statute adult, or insufficient in number for the proper accommodation of all the passengers contained in the lists of passengers hereby required to be delivered by the master of the ship the owner charterer or master of such ship shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds* for every such offence.

Motion made and question put—That Clause IV be struck out of the Bill.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General
Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Russell,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Solicitor General,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Clause XII.—Within twenty-four hours after the arrival of any ship to which “*The Passengers’ Act 1852*” does not extend the master shall deliver to the Collector or other principal officer of Customs at the port of arrival the list of passengers endorsed by the Emigration Officer and before making entry of the ship shall pay to the said Collector or other officer a rate of Ten pounds for every statute adult arrived in such ship and no entry shall be deemed to have been legally made or to have any legal effect whatever until such payment shall have been made.

Motion made and question put—That clause XII stand part of the Bill.—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Solicitor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Taylor,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 20TH OCTOBER.

No. 5.—*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*—Clause I.—It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor if he shall think fit on the receipt of a petition signed by not less than one hundred inhabitant householders within an area not exceeding thirty-six square miles and being the majority of such householders resident therein praying that such locality by a general description may be declared a municipal district under this Act to constitute by proclamation such locality a municipal district accordingly notwithstanding such locality or any part thereof may at the time of such proclamation form part of any locality within the limits of any existing municipal corporation and also by the same or any other proclamation to define the limits and boundaries of such municipal district and such limits and boundaries at any time thereafter in the same manner to vary and alter but so as in no case to include within the limits or boundaries of such municipal district an area of more than square miles and upon the publication of any such proclamation in the *Victoria Government Gazette* such locality so defined shall be deemed and taken to be a municipal district within the meaning of this Act.

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the twelfth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “*Thirty-six.*”.—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the consideration of this clause be postponed.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Speaker,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 27.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. A’Beckett,
The Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O’Brien,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Sargood,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**WEDNESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER.

No. 1.—*Compulsory Vaccination Bill.*—Clause III.—The father or mother of every child in Victoria born after the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty shall within calendar months after the birth of the said child or in the event of the death illness absence or inability of the father and mother then the person who shall have the care nurture or custody of the said child shall within calendar months after the birth of such child take or cause to be taken the said child to the medical officer or practitioner duly appointed in and for any part of the district in which the said child is resident for the purpose of being vaccinated unless such child shall have been previously vaccinated by some duly qualified medical practitioner and the said medical officer or practitioner so appointed shall and he is hereby required thereupon or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done to vaccinate the said child without fee or reward.

Motion made and question put—That the blank occurring in the third line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Five."—(*The Attorney General.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 8

Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Taylor,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.

No. 2.—*Passengers' Bill.*—Clause XVI.—If the Emigration Officer or Assistant Emigration Officer shall certify that any passenger shall have arrived in Victoria on board any ship as aforesaid being either lunatic idiotic deaf dumb blind or infirm and likely in his opinion to become a charge upon the public or upon any public or charitable institution the Emigration Officer "shall" require the owner charterer or master of such ship within seven days after her arrival to execute with two sufficient sureties jointly and severally a bond to Her Majesty in the sum of pounds for every such passenger conditioned to repay to any parish or any public or charitable institution in Victoria all monies or expenses which shall or may be laid out or incurred within the space of five years from the execution of the said bond for the maintenance or support of such passenger and the said sureties shall justify before and to the satisfaction of the said Emigration Officer and shall by their oath or affirmation satisfy him that they are respectively residents in Victoria and each worth treble the amount of the penalty of such bond over and above all their liabilities.

Motion made and question put—That after the word “shall” occurring in the fifth line of the above clause the following words be inserted “unless such passenger become lunatic idiotic deaf dumb blind or infirm and likely to become a charge as aforesaid during the voyage but not otherwise.”—(*Mr. Fellows.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.

The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Riddell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Farie,
The Speaker,
Mr. Mollison,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER.

No. 3.—*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*—Clause XXIII.—The Municipal Council of any such Municipal District shall annually within three months after the election of the chairman of such Council cause an estimate to be made of the probable amount which will be required for the then current year in addition to any tolls rates or dues which may have been levied or authorised to be levied within the said district to carry on the fencing making and repairing of any roads wharves piers or other public works within the said district and any other expenses necessary in carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and shall raise the amount so estimated by an assessment of all property in houses and lands within the limits of such municipal district according to its fair average annual value “*provided that no such rate shall exceed the sum of* *in the pound* “*of such value*” and the rate so assessed shall be paid one-half by the tenant and one-half by the landlord or proprietor and in case there is no tenant or the proprietor shall occupy the premises then the whole of any such rate shall be paid by such proprietor such rate however shall be payable in full by the tenant or person occupying or in possession of the premises for which such rate is payable and the production of the receipt for any such rate paid by any tenant shall be a good and sufficient tender on the part of any such tenant in payment of rent to the landlord for one-half the amount specified in such receipt and the landlord from whom such sum is recovered or deducted if he be a tenant to another of the same premises may recover or deduct from his landlord out of the annual rent payable by him a sum proportionate to that by him with reference to the rent received by him and so on between successive landlords and tenants: Provided that it shall not be lawful for any such Council to impose or levy any rate whatsoever on any holding land or other property belonging to Her Majesty.

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the tenth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “Two shillings and sixpence.”—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Amendment proposed—That the following words commencing in the ninth line of the above clause be omitted “provided that no such rate shall exceed the sum of
“in the pound of such value.”—(*The Attorney General.*)

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the tenth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “One shilling and three-pence.”—(*Mr. Fyfe.*)

Question—That the words “*provided that no such rate shall exceed the sum of*”
“*in the pound of such value*” proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16
The Speaker,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Riddell,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.
The Attorney General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Auditor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

The tellers having declared the numbers for the “Ayes” and the “Noes” to be respectively 16, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the “Ayes,” and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

No. 4.—Question—That the blank occurring in the tenth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “One shilling and three-pence”—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.
The Speaker,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Farie,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

The tellers having declared the numbers for the “Ayes” and the “Noes” to be respectively 16, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the “Ayes,” and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 4.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**

TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.

No. 1.—*Testimonial to Mrs. Chisholm.*—Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day month.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 22.
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Greeves,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER.

No. 2.—*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*—Clause XXVII.—Each By Law so to be made as aforesaid by any such municipal council shall state some maximum "*penalty*" for any neglect or breach thereof and such penalty shall and may be awarded recovered and distributed by summary process before any one or more justices of the peace having jurisdiction within such municipal district Provided that the maximum of any such penalty so to be inflicted under the authority of any such By Law shall not exceed pounds.

Motion made and question put—That the words "*or punishment*" be inserted after the word "*penalty*" occurring in the second line of the above clause.—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the last line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Fifty."—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the blank occurring in the last line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Twenty."—(*Mr. Myles.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Highett,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Annand,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER.

No. 4.—*Lodging Houses Bill.*—Clause XII.—The local authority shall have the power of imposing by any such regulations penalties on offenders against the same not exceeding the sum of five pounds for each offence and in case of a continuing offence a further penalty of a sum not exceeding forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from such local authority or his or their officer appointed as aforesaid Provided that all such regulations imposing any penalty shall be so framed as to allow of the recovery of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty and all such penalties may be recovered in a summary way by the local authority or his or their officer before any "*police*" or stipendiary magistrate or any two justices of the peace and a copy of the regulations purporting to be signed by the Lieutenant Governor and also signed by the local authority (or to be sealed with the seal of the same in case it have a seal) shall be receivable as evidence of such regulations and of the duly making and confirming thereof.

Motion made and question put—That the word "*mayor*" be inserted before the word "*police*" occurring in the eighth line of the above clause.—(*Mr. Smith.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6

Mr. Russell,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.

Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Griffith,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Sargood,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Cole,
The Speaker,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER.

No. 5.—*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*—Clause XXVIII.—Any such municipal council shall have power to borrow on the credit of land funds or income to which it may be entitled by way of mortgage or otherwise any sum or sums of money that may be required for the purpose of making carrying on or completing any permanent improvements that may directly benefit the municipal district for which such council has been elected or for the purchase of any railway shares or other stock that may be necessary or desirable for any such improvements or which may so directly benefit such "*district*" but in no case shall the sum or sums so borrowed exceed the average amount of the revenue for the period of three years Provided that no money shall be borrowed by any such municipal council until the express sanction of the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council has been obtained not only for the amount to be borrowed but also for the works improvements railway shares or other stock upon which it is purposed to expend the sum or sums so to be raised.

Motion made and question put—That after the word "*district*" occurring in the seventh line of the above clause the following words be inserted "*Provided that the places to which this Act shall apply shall be only those set forth in the schedule hereunder written.*"—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Speaker,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.

Mr. Nicholson,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Campbell,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

The tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and for the "Noes" to be respectively 14, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the "Noes," and declared the question to be negatived.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 5.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
 IN
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1854.

TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER.

No. 1.—*Municipal Authorities Establishment Bill.*—Proposed New Clause II.—It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor if he shall think fit on the receipt of a petition signed by the householders purporting to be the majority resident within an area adjoining to any such proclaimed municipal district containing an average of resident householders for each square mile thereof praying that such locality by a general description may be declared a municipal district under this Act united with and forming part of such previously proclaimed municipal district to constitute by proclamation with the consent of the Council of such proclaimed district such locality a municipal district united with and forming part of such previously proclaimed municipal district and also by the same or any other proclamation to define the boundaries of such united municipal district and define vary and alter the limits of such municipal districts.

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the words "Thirty-six."—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Twenty."—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Thirty."—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Question—That the blank occurring in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Twenty"—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 32.

The Attorney General,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Fellows,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Greeves,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Hervey,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Question—That the blank occurring in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word “Thirty”—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawknor,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 30.
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fellows,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
The Speaker,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Sargood,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Clause XLIV.—In the interpretation of the provisions of this Act the word “householder” shall mean the occupant of any house warehouse counting house shop office or other “building”

Question proposed—That the words “of the value of one hundred pounds” be added after the word “building.”—(*The Surveyor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the words “of the value of fifty pounds” be added after the word “building.”—(*Mr. Myles.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.
Mr. Fawknor,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Riddell,
The Speaker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Mollison,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Russell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER.

No. 4.—*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill* (2).—Clause I.—Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.—(Mr. Nicholson.) Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Taylor,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Goodman, (Teller.)

Noes, 16.

The Speaker,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Annand,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Mollison, (Teller.)

THURSDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER.

No. 5.—*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill* (2).—Clause I.—It shall be lawful for any justice of the peace or any constable at any time after the passing of this Act having reasonable cause to suspect that any person has at any time been found guilty of any "felony" by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or any British possession other than Victoria and has at any time after the passing of this "Act" come into "Victoria" to cause such suspected person to be apprehended and taken before any two justices of the peace to be dealt with as hereinafter mentioned Provided that it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace to take bail for the appearance of such suspected person before such justices in such sum and with or without such sureties as such justice may deem expedient.

Motion made and question put—That before the word "felony" occurring in the third line of the above clause the word "transportable" be inserted.—(Mr. F. Murphy.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Russell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
The Collector of Customs, (Teller.)

Noes, 14.

The Speaker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Goodman, (Teller.)

No. 6.—Motion made and question put—That after the word "felony" occurring in the third line of the above clause the following words be inserted "excepting persons found guilty of political offences and of offences against the Game Laws."—(Mr. Fawkner.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 38.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Riddell,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hervey,
The Speaker,
Mr. Mollison,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 7.—Motion made and question put—That after the word "*Victoria*" occurring in the sixth line of the above clause the following words be inserted "*without having suffered the full penalty awarded by such Court.*"—(*Mr Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Forlonge,
The Speaker,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 32.

The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Mollison,
Acting Chief Commissioner Police,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Haines,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 8.—Question proposed—That after the word “Act” occurring in the fifth line of the above clause the following words be inserted “or” *within three years previously thereto excepting thereout expires settled in Victoria for a period of not less than six months before the passing of this Act.*—(Mr. Horne.)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “or” in the beginning of the above proposed amendment be struck out with a view to insert the following words “*within six months previous to the passing hereof*”—(Mr. Greeves.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the above proposed amendment—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 31.
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,
The Collector of Customs,
The Speaker,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Russell,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Forlonge,
* Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Fellows,
* Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

* Sic in orig.

FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER.

No. 9.—*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill (2).*—Clause II.—It shall be lawful for any two justices of the peace before whom any such suspected person shall have been brought on proof that such suspected person has been found guilty of felony as aforesaid within years of his having been apprehended as aforesaid and has at any time after the passing of this Act come into Victoria at their discretion either to cause such person to be conveyed in custody to the colony or possession from whence he came or to sentence such suspected person if a male to be kept to hard labor with or without irons on the roads or other public works for any period not exceeding years or whether male or female to be imprisoned with or without hard labor in any gaol for any period not exceeding years.

Motion made and question put—That the above clause be struck out of the Bill.—(Mr. Nicholson.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.
 Mr. Riddell,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Taylor,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Strachan,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller.*)

No. 10.—Motion made—That the blank occurring in the last line of the above clause be filled up with the word "Two".—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Motion made and question put—That the blank occurring in the last line of above clause be filled up with the word "One".—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.
 The Auditor General,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 11.—Clause VI.—Any master mariner or other person owning commanding navigating or sailing any vessel for the trip or voyage when such vessel "*shall*" bring to any port or place in Victoria any person having been found guilty as aforesaid shall upon conviction thereof before any two justices of the peace for every such offence be liable to a fine not exceeding _____ pounds or to imprisonment for any time not exceeding _____ months or to both at the discretion of the said justices.

Motion made and question put—That after the word "*shall*" occurring in the second line of the above clause the word "*knowingly*" be inserted.—(*Mr. Horne.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Attorney General,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Smith,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller*)

No. 12.—Clause XIII.—All pecuniary fines and penalties and the proceeds of all forfeitures received under this Act shall be paid “*into the Police Reward Fund.*”

Motion made that the words “*into the Police Reward Fund*” occurring in the second line of the above clause be omitted with a view to insert the words “*to the informer who shall in all cases be a competent witness.*”—(*Mr. Horne.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Greaves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Auditor General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Haines,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**TUESDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.No. 1.—*New Constitution Act.—Address to the Queen.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report that this Committee recommend that the Draft Address to the Queen upon the subject of the New Constitution be reconsidered by the Select Committee appointed to prepare the same.—(*The Attorney General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Henty,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 27.

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Ross,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Groeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—*Influx of Criminals Prevention Bill (2).—Proposed New Clause.*

Any runaway convict or any convict who has come into Victoria since the first day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two and previous to the passing of this Act under cover of any conditional pardon ticket-of-leave or indulgence of any kind other than a free pardon or remission of his or her sentence by Her Majesty shall be deemed to have come into Victoria contrary to the provisions of this Act and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Motion made and question put—That the above proposed Clause stand as Clause III. in the Bill.—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Speaker,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Jas. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.

Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Acting Chief Commissioner Police,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Russell,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Smith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 7.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**

TUESDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER.

No. 1.—*Church of England Affairs Regulation Bill.*—Clause II. Proposed.Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day six months.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Acting Chief Commissioner Police,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Smith,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Fellows,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Clause II. discussed.

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day week.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Surveyor General,
 Acting Chief Commissioner Police,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Speaker,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER.

No. 3.—*Volunteer Corps Bill*.—Clause X.

All persons enrolled in any corps of volunteers when assembled on any of the occasions above stated shall be entitled to pay (if demanded) during the period of their so remaining assembled as aforesaid in such manner and after such rates according to their respective ranks and situations and to be quartered and billeted in like manner in every respect and under and subject to the same regulations as Her Majesty's regular forces within Victoria so far as the same shall by the Lieutenant Governor be deemed applicable to Volunteer Corps.

Motion made and question put—That this clause be struck out of the Bill.—(*Mr. Horne.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wilkiuson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Attorney General,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Harrison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Speaker,
Mr. Hightt,
Mr. Campbell, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 8.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854.**

TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*Gas and Coke Company's Capital Increase Bill.*—Proposed New Clause II.

The twenty-fourth section of the said recited Act shall be repealed and the powers thereby granted to the surveyor of the City of Melbourne commissioners trustees surveyors or other person or persons having the control direction or superintendence of the streets are hereby granted to and shall be exercised by the commissioners of sewerage and water supply for the said City.

Motion made and question put—That the above clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Griffith.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields
 Mr. Farie,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Greeves,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER.

No. 2.—*Customs' Duties Bill.*—Table A.

“Coffee, Chicory, “Cocoa and Chocolate” the pound 3d.”

Motion made and question put—That the words “Cocoa and Chocolate” in the above item be struck out.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 6.

Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 9.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
 IN
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1854.

THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*Postage Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause III.

The following shall be the rates of postage payable according to the scale aforesaid upon letters and packets (save as hereinafter excepted) transmitted or received by the post that is to say on all letters and packets received at any post office for delivery at such post office or within the limits of the city or town in which such post office is situated the sum of two-pence on all letters transmitted by post between separate post towns or places within Victoria the sum of and upon all letters and packets posted at any place within Victoria to be transmitted by ship to places beyond the limits thereof the sum of

Question proposed—That the blank occurring in the sixth line of the above clause be filled up with the word “three-pence.”—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the sixth line of the above clause be filled up with the word “six-pence.”—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Question—That the blank occurring in the sixth line of the above clause be filled up with the word “three-pence”—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Auditor General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Horne,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

No. 2.—*Grant to Denominational School Board.*

Question proposed—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that a sum of “£30,000” from the amounts to be voted by the Council for the promotion of elementary education for the year 1855, should be placed at the disposal of the Denominational School Board, “for the liquidation of outstanding claims,” in such manner as may be most convenient to the Executive Government.—(*Mr. Campbell.*)

Motion made—That the words “£30,000” in the above question be struck out, with a view of inserting the words “£10,000” in the place thereof; and that the words “for the liquidation of outstanding claims” be also struck out—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)

Question—That the words “£10,000” be inserted in lieu of the words “£30,000”—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Forlonge,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Mollison,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.

Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 10.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY.

No. 1. *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause III.

"The inspector or other chief officer of police" in and for any district in which any pound established under this Act may be situate shall select from the police force under his command some fit and proper person as and to be poundkeeper of any such pound and shall present such person to the justices sitting in the nearest Court of Petty Sessions and if such justices shall not object to such person such inspector or chief officer of police for the district shall report such appointment to the Chief Commissioner of Police who shall cause such appointment to be inserted in the *Government Gazette* and if such justices shall object to any such appointment such inspector or other chief officer shall select some other person out of the force under his command and so on until some person has been found to whom no objection is made by such justices.

Motion made—That the words "*the inspector or other chief officer of police*" occurring in the first line of the above clause be struck out with the view of inserting the words "*the majority of the justices in Petty Sessions assembled*" in lieu thereof.—(*Mr. Forlonge.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the above clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Horne,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY 31st JANUARY.

No. 2. *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause IV.

If at any time any such poundkeeper shall be guilty of any neglect or offence under this Act or shall not perform the duties of poundkeeper to the satisfaction of such “justices” inspector or chief officer or any representation to that effect shall be made to such inspector or chief officer by such justices such poundkeeper shall be removed from such pound and returned to the police force and on such removal the inspector or chief officer shall appoint some other person from the force under his command to be poundkeeper and shall take the like steps and proceedings in regard to any such appointment as hereby directed in regard to the first appointment of any such poundkeeper.

Motion made and question put—That after the word “justices” occurring in the second line of the above clause the words “or of the” be inserted.—(*The Attorney General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Myles,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 22.
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. F. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

No. 3. Proposed New Clause.

“*That for the proper and efficient carrying out of this Act four or more inspectors be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor whose duty it shall be to inspect pounds revise the brands of cattle as recorded in the Gazette attend all sales of impounded cattle and certify as to the correctness of the returns as well as to see that this Act is faithfully carried out.*”

Motion made and question put—That the above proposed clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fawcner,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

No. 4. Clause VIII.

The keeper of every pound legally constituted by virtue of this Act may demand and receive pound fees for the cattle of the several descriptions which shall be impounded therein the several and respective sums following that is to say—for the first or only head of cattle the sum of sixpence and for every additional head of cattle “not exceeding the number of” the sum of each and the further sum of for each and every additional beast of the kind impounded at the same time and upon the same account and for any one or more not exceeding in number of sheep or lambs which shall be so impounded the sum of and the further sum of each for every additional animal of the like kind beyond impounded at the same time and upon the same account.

Motion made and question put—That the words “not exceeding the number of” occurring in the fourth and fifth lines of the above clause be struck out.—(Mr. Griffith.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19

Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Mollison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Goodman, (Teller.)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cole,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Horne, (Teller.)

THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

No. 5. *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill.*

Question proposed—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day week.—(The Attorney General.)

Motion made—That that the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day month.—(Mr. Myles.)

Motion made—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day fortnight.—(Mr. Greeves.)

Motion made—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day two months.—(Mr. Mollison.)

Question—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day fortnight—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Strachan, (Teller.)

Noes, 21.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Taylor,
* Mr. Forlonge,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Colonial Secretary,
* Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hodgson, (Teller)

* Sic in orig.

No. 6. *Post Office Act Amendment Bill.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day month.—(Mr. Miller.)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Nicholson,
McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

Mr. Bradshaw,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Campbell,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wills,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

No. 7. *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause XXIII.

Where any impounded cattle shall not be released from the pound by the owner thereof or by some one on his behalf within seven days after notice has been given to the owner agent or overseer or registering party by delivering to him personally or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode or within twenty-one days after the notice shall have been despatched through the general post or inserted in the *Government Gazette* as the case may require which periods of seven days and twenty-one days respectively shall be reckoned exclusive of the day upon which the said notice shall have been delivered or despatched or inserted it shall be lawful for the said poundkeeper to sell all such impounded cattle by public auction Provided however that no such sale shall be made or take place excepting on the first and third Wednesdays in any month such first and third Wednesdays respectively to be the first or third Wednesday as the case may be after the expiration of the notices respectively herein required to be given or sent and the poundkeeper shall at such sales act as auctioneer and all such sales shall take place at the public pound where the said cattle shall have been impounded and shall commence at the hour of noon and not more than ten head of sheep or five pigs or goats shall be put up in any one lot and not more than one horse or one head of any other cattle and "*neither the person who impounded the said cattle nor*" the keeper of the pound shall either personally or by any other person either directly or indirectly purchase the said cattle or any part thereof and every person offending herein shall forfeit and pay for every such purchase contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof any sum not exceeding pounds.

Motion made—That the words "*neither the person who impounded the said cattle nor*" occurring in the sixteenth and seventeenth lines of the above clause be struck out.—(Mr. Forlonge.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Strachan,
* Mr. Fyfe,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

Mr. Farie,
The Speaker,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Griffith,
* Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

* Sic in orig.

The tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and for the "Noes" to be respectively 10, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the "Ayes," and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 11.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY.

No. I. *Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause XXV.

If the proceeds of any cattle impounded by any person or his overseer for trespassing and doing damage upon the lands of such person and sold under and by virtue of this Act shall be insufficient to satisfy the lawful fees and charges as aforesaid respecting the same the residue of such fees and charges shall be paid to such poundkeeper by the person who impounded the said cattle and upon refusal so to do by any person so impounding the justices in Petty Sessions may upon complaint of such poundkeeper and satisfying themselves of the correctness thereof issue their warrant and recover the amount of any such deficiency by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of any person so failing to pay the residue of such fees and charges.

Motion made and question put—That clause XXV. be struck out.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Beaver,
 The Attorney General, (*Teller.*)

No. 2. Clause XXXI.

Any person in occupation by lease license or other authority granted by or on behalf of the Crown is hereby empowered to impound any cattle trespassing thereon.

Motion made and question put—That the following provision be added to clause XXXI:—

“*Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to the geldings mares fillies colts bullocks cows and calves the property of the lessees of Crown lands being neighbouring proprietors except in cases where the run of any proprietor aforesaid shall in the opinion of the Court of Petty Sessions be overstocked and in cases where due notice of trespass having been given the cattle so trespassing shall not be removed with reasonable despatch.*”—(*Mr. Wills.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

The Attorney General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY.

No. 3. *Auction Sales Regulation Bill.*—Clause III.

There shall be two descriptions of license one termed a "General Auctioneer's License" the other a "District Auctioneer's License" for the general license a fee of "fifty" pounds shall be paid and for the district license a fee of twenty-five pounds shall be paid a general license shall authorise any person obtaining the same to follow the trade or occupation of an auctioneer within any part of Victoria specified in such license a district license shall authorise the person obtaining the same to follow the trade of an auctioneer within a specified portion of Victoria except the city of Melbourne and town of Geelong respectively.

Motion made and question put—That the word "fifty" occurring in the second line of the above clause be struck out and the words "one hundred" be inserted in the place thereof.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Goodman,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 5.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

No. 4. Clause IV.

Any person desirous of obtaining a general auctioneer's license shall on or before the first Tuesday in the month of "March" in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and on or before the first Tuesday in the month of November in every subsequent year deliver to the clerk of the Petty Sessions for the District of Melbourne or Geelong respectively a notice in writing of his intention to apply for the same in the form in the schedule to this Act annexed marked A. And every person desirous of applying for a district auctioneer's license shall on or before the first Tuesday in the month of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and in the month of November in every subsequent year deliver to the clerk of the Court of Petty Sessions holden within the district in which such applicant shall reside a notice in writing of his intention to

apply for the same in the form in the schedule to this Act annexed marked A and every such applicant whether for a general or district license shall also deliver to such officer with such notice a certificate of character in the form attached to the said schedule to this Act annexed signed by six respectable householders resident in the district for which such Petty Sessions shall be held.

Motion made and question put—That the words “and September” be added after the word “March” in the second line of the above clause.—(Mr. Fawkner.)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe, (Teller.)

Noes, 16.

Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Mollison,
The Auditor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Smith, (Teller.)

FRIDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

No. 5. *Colonial Insurance Company Incorporation Bill (as amended in Select Committee.)*—
Clause XL.

If any execution either at law or in equity shall have been issued against the property or effects of the company and if there cannot be found sufficient whereon to levy such execution then such execution may be issued against any of the shareholders to the extent of their shares respectively in the capital of the company *not then paid up and a further and additional sum equal to the total amount of the same shares* Provided always that such execution shall not issue against any shareholder who before the issuing thereof against the property and effects of the company shall have paid the full amount of capital payable upon the shares held by him whether such payment shall have been made in respect of calls or otherwise and such additional sum as aforesaid nor except upon an order of the court in which the action suit or other proceeding shall have been brought or instituted made upon motion in open court after sufficient notice in writing to the persons sought to be charged and upon such motion such court may order execution to issue accordingly and in the case of such order being made the court shall cause the substance thereof and the amount for which execution is to issue against any shareholder to be forthwith entered against the name of such shareholder in the register of shareholders which it shall be lawful for any person entitled to any such execution at all reasonable times to inspect without fee.

Motion made and question put—That clause XL. stand part of the Bill.—(Mr. Nicholson.)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Campbell,
The Collector of Customs, (Teller.)

Noes, 21.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burnley,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Mollison,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Hightett,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Fyfe, (Teller.)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 12.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.No. 1. *Public Disturbances Prevention Bill.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day six months.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Speaker,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Horne,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Ross,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. F. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY.No. 2. *Finance—Estimates for 1855.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
* Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Greeves,
* Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

* Sic in orig.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Henty,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Mollison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 3. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £900 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Question—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 25.

Mr. Campbell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Riddell,
The Speaker,
Mr. Goodman,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Taylor,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk Assistant and Librarian of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £700 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Clerk Assistant and Librarian of the Legislative Council for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 27.

The Speaker,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Colonial Secretary,
Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Myles,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 5.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Assistant Colonial Secretary for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Assistant Colonial Secretary for the year 1855.—(*Mr Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Henty,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Griffith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 6.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Question—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Taylor, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 32.

Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Goodman,
Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Griffith,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
The Collector of Customs (*Teller.*)

No. 7.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1100 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Treasurer for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Taylor, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 33.

Mr. F. Murphy,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Cole,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Pohlman,
Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Griffith,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Beaver,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 8. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Auditor General for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Auditor General for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Auditor General for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Hodgson.*)

Question—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Auditor General for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 35.

The Surveyor General,
Mr. Cole,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Riddell,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Farie,
The Speaker,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Goodman,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Hr. Highett,
Lieutenant Col. Anderson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Beaver,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 9. Question—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Auditor General for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Goodmar,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,

Noes, 12.

The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Highett,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Riddell,
The Attorney General,

Ayes, *continued.*
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Smith,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, *continued.*
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 10.—Question—That a sum not exceeding £400 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Tender Clerk for the year 1855—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Riddell,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Colonial Secretary, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 23.
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

No. 11.—*Patriotic Fund.*

Question proposed—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, sailors, and marines who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war.—(*Mr. Wills.*)

Motion made and question put—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £10,000, to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, sailors, and marines who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war, on condition that a sum equal to that amount be raised by private subscription.—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Goodman,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Jas. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs (*Teller.*)

Noes, 24.
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Smith (*Teller.*)

No. 12. Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £20,000 to be placed at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty for the management of the fund to be raised for the support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers sailors and marines who may have fallen or who may fall in the present war—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Russell,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Campbell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Auditor General,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 13.—*Mail Communications.*

Question proposed—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £1400, in order that the suspended mail communication between Lexton and Horsham, also between Melbourne and Bulla Bulla, may be re-established.—(*Mr. Taylor.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day month.—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

The Colonial Secretary.
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Strachan,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 22.

The Speaker,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 13.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

No. 1.—*Finance.—Estimates for 1855.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Judges and Judges' Associates for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Judges and Judges' Associates for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fyfe,
M. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Russell,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Bradshaw,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Attorney General for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)
Motion made and question put—That the consideration of this item be postponed with a

view to an increase thereof beyond the sum set forth in the Estimates for 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fras. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Cole,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

No. 3.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Chairman of General Sessions and Judge of County Court (Metropolitan District) for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the consideration of this item be postponed with a view to the increase thereof to the sum of £1500.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 23.
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Henty,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £600 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions (North Western District), for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions (North Western District), for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Miller.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 34.
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,

Noes—*continued.*

The Auditor General,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Horne,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

No. 5.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman and Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions and County Courts (North Western District), for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman and Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions and County Courts (North Western District), for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Beaver, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 34.*

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

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No. 6.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £900 be appropriated to

defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman and Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions and County Courts (North Western District), for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Lieutenant Col. Anderson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Beaver, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.

Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Bradshaw,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Wills,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 7.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1150 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman and Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions and County Courts (North Eastern District), for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Chairman and Crown Prosecutor, General Sessions and County Courts (North Eastern District), for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Beaver, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Highett,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Griffith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No 8. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £3800 be appropriated to defray the salaries of nine Clerks, in-door Department, Customs, Melbourne, two at £600, two at £500, one at £400, one at £350, two at £300, and one at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £3200 be appropriated to defray the salaries of nine Clerks, in-door Department, Customs, Melbourne, two at £500, two at £400, one at £350, one at £300, and three at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Highbett,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Griffith, (*Teller.*)

No. 9. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £2350 be appropriated to defray the salaries of six Clerks, Jerquer and Comptroller of Accounts Department, Customs, Melbourne, two at £500, one at £400, one at £350, and two at £300 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £750 be appropriated to defray the salaries of two Clerks, Jerquer and Comptroller of Accounts Department, Customs, Melbourne, one at £400 and one at £350 for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1400 be appropriated to defray the salaries of four Clerks, Jerquer and Comptroller of Accounts Department, Customs, Melbourne, two at £400, and two at £300 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Question—That a sum not exceeding £750 be appropriated to defray the salaries of two Clerks, Jerquer and Comptroller of Accounts Department, Customs, Melbourne, one at £400, and one at £350 each, for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Smith,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Griffith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

No. 10. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1050 be appropriated to defray the salaries of three Clerks in the Department of the Warehousekeeper, Customs, Melbourne, one at £400, one at £350, and one at £300, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £750 be appropriated to defray

the salaries of two Clerks in the Department of the Warehousekeeper, Customs, Melbourne.
(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Speaker,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Mollison,
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Sargood,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
The Surveyor General (*Teller.*)

No. 11.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £550 be appropriated to defray the salaries of two Clerks in the Department of the Registrar of Shipping, Customs, Melbourne, one at £400, and one at £150, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £300 be appropriated to defray the salary of one Clerk in the Department of the Registrar of Shipping, Customs, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes 25.

Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes 12

Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Highett,
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

No. 12. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Inspector of Imports and Exports, Customs, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £400 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Inspector of Imports and Exports, Customs, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes 27.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes 13.

Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 13.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £650 be appropriated to defray the salaries of two clerks in the department of the Inspector of Imports and Exports, Customs, Melbourne, one at £400 and one at £250 for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That the item be struck out.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £300 be appropriated to defray the salary of one clerk in the department of the Inspector of Imports and Exports, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Question—That this item be struck out—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 23.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary.
Mr. Pohlman,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hervey,
The Collector of Customs,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 14.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £7000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of fourteen Landing Waiters, Customs, Melbourne, one at £700, four at £600, four

at £500, three at £400, and two at £350 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £6300 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twelve Landing Waiters, Customs, Melbourne, one at £700, four at £600, four at £500, and three at £400 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. McCulloch.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Beaver, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Griffith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 15.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £7000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-eight Weighers, Customs, Melbourne, at £250 each, for the year 1855. (*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £6000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-four Weighers, Customs, Melbourne, at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £5600 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-eight Weighers, Customs, Melbourne, at £200 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

Mr. Cole,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Highett,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 16.—Question—That a sum not exceeding £6000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-four Weighers, Customs, Melbourne, at £250 each, for the year 1855—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Murphy,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Auditor General,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller.*)

No. 17.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £6160 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-eight Weighers, Customs, Melbourne, at £220 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cole,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Henty,
 The Collector of Customs
 Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
 The Auditor General
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 18.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £6000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twenty-four Tide Waiters, Customs, Williamstown, at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £3000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of twelve Tide Waiters, Customs, Williamstown, at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cole,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Beaver,

Noes, 22.

The Colonial Secretary,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 Mr. Wills,

Ayes—*continued.*

Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes—*continued.*

Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Ross,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Smith,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

No. 19.—*Mechanic's Institution, Geelong.*

Question proposed—That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates "*the*" sum "*of*" £2500 towards the erection of a Mechanics' Institution at Geelong.—(*Mr. Fyfe.*)

Amendment proposed—That the word "*the*," after the word "Estimates," in the second line of the above question, be struck out, and the word "*a*" be inserted in the place thereof; and that the word "*of*," after the word "sum," in the third line, be struck out, and that the words "*not exceeding*" be inserted in lieu thereof; and that the following words: "*on condition that a sum equal to the amount of Government aid for that purpose be raised by private subscription*" be added at the end of the question.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Motion made and question put—That the figures "£2500," occurring in the above question, be struck out, and the figures "£2000" inserted in the place thereof; and that the following words: "*on condition that £1000 for that purpose be raised by private subscription*" be added at the end of the question.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 23.

Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Miller,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

No. 20.—*Orphan Asylum, Geelong.*

Question proposed—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 towards the establishment of an Orphan Asylum at Geelong,

in aid of private subscriptions to a larger amount already paid or promised.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman do leave the Chair.—(*Mr. Smith.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Greeves,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 5.
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

No. 21.—*Finance—Estimates for 1855.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £2050 be appropriated to defray the salaries of five Clerks in the Department of the Sub-Collector, Customs, Geelong, one at £600, one at £500, one at £400, one at £300, and one at £250 for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1800 be appropriated to defray the salaries of four Clerks in the Department of the Sub-Collector, Customs, Geelong, one at £600, one at £500, one at £400, and one at £300 for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes 17.
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes 12.
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Collector of Customs,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

No. 22.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1950 be appropriated to defray the charge for Stores for the Department of the Customs for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the charge for Stores for the Department of Customs for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Smith.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Harrison,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Auditor General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

The tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and for the "Noes" to be respectively 15, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the "Ayes," and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 14.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.No. 1. *Finance—Estimates for 1855.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £700 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Secretary in the Department of the Post Office, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 29.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Goodman,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Mollison,
The Auditor General
The Speaker,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 2. Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £600 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Secretary in the Department of the Post Office, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Greaves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Cole,
The Speaker,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Wills,
The Collector of Customs
Mr. Henty,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

No. 3. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £600 be appropriated to defray the salary of the First Clerk in the Department of the Post Office, Melbourne, for the year 1855.—
(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Jas. Murphy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Greaves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Mollison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 4. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salary of an Assistant Harbor Master, at Williamstown, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Greaves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY.

No. 5. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £900 be appropriated to defray the salary of an Assistant Commissioner of Police for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Mollison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Highett,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields, (*Teller.*)

No. 6. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £900 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Paymaster of Police for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Paymaster of Police for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Miller.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Auditor General,
Mr. Mollison,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Annand,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 7. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1600 be appropriated to defray the salaries of five Clerks in the Department of Paymaster of Police, one at £500, two at £300, and two at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1300 be appropriated to defray the salaries of four Clerks in the Department of the Paymaster of Police, one at £500, one at £300, and two at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Annand,

Noes, 19.

Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Goodman,

Ayes—*continued.*

Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes—*continued.*

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Auditor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Ross,
The Attorney General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 8.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £542,418 15s. be appropriated to defray the salaries and contingencies of the General Police Force for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £400,000 be appropriated to defray the salaries and contingencies of the General Police Force for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Forlonge.*)

Motion made and question put—That the consideration of this item be postponed.—(*Mr. Taylor.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Farie,
The Attorney General,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Mollison,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

Mr. Wills,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH.

No. 9.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate, Melbourne, for the year 1855—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Lieutenant Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Fawkner,

Noes, 13

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Ayes—*continued.*

The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Goodman,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 10.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £350 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Clerk of Petty Sessions, Williamstown, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above item be postponed.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. F. Murphy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 29.

The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Henty,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 11.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salary of a Stipendiary Magistrate, Avoca, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above item be postponed.—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Smith,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Fawcner,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH.

No. 12.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £850 be appropriated to defray the salaries of three Clerks in the establishment of the Inspector General of Penal Establishments, one at £350 and two at £250 each, for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £350 be appropriated to defray the salary of one Clerk in the establishment of the Inspector General of Penal Establishments for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Mollison,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Highett,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields, (*Teller.*)

No. 13.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to defray the salaries of two Clerks in the establishment of The Inspector General of Penal Establishments at £250 each for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 9.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Campbell,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields, (*Teller.*)

No. 14.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £74,555 17s. 6d. be appropriated to defray the salaries of 322 Officers of the Stockades and Hulks for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £50,000 be appropriated to defray the salaries of 322 Officers of the Stockades and Hulks for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greaves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawkner,

Noes, 10.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Griffith,

Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

The Auditor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 15. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £71,122 1s. 8d. be appropriated to defray the contingencies for the Stockades and Hulks for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £60,000 be appropriated to defray the contingencies of the Stockades and Hulks for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Farie,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Auditor General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 15.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH.

No. 1. *Mercantile Securities Bill*—Proposed New Clause III.

“ Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to alter the law respecting
 “ the Instruments named in the said Schedule to this Act annexed excepting so far as is
 “ by this said Act specially provided nor to lessen or interfere with any remedy now existing
 “ or hereafter to be provided by or against any holder assignee transferee or endorsee or
 “ assignor transferrer or endorser of any such instruments but such remedy shall exist
 “ and be of equal force and effect as if this Act had not passed”

Motion made and question put—That the consideration of the above proposed Clause be postponed, in order that it may be printed—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Henty,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 The Attorney General,
 Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
 Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller*.)

No. 2.—*Post Office Act Amendment Bill*—Clause III.—The following shall be the rates of postage payable according to the scale aforesaid upon letters and packets (save as hereinafter excepted) transmitted or received by the post that is to say on all letters and packets received at any post office for delivery at such post office or within the limits of the city or town in which such post office is situated the sum of twopence on all letters transmitted by post between separate post towns or places within Victoria the sum of “ threepence” and upon all letters and packets posted at any place within Victoria to be transmitted by ship to places beyond the limits thereof the sum of

Motion made and question put—That after the word “ threepence” occurring in the seventh line of the above clause the following words be inserted:—“ *For the first fifty miles or less than fifty miles and threepence additional for every one hundred miles or portion of one hundred miles between such post towns or places.*”—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr Horne,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Griffith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Mollison,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 3. Clause IV.

The sum of _____ only for any weight not exceeding _____ ounces and the
additional sum of _____ for every additional _____ ounces or portion of
ounces of weight above _____ ounces shall be paid on packets of the following descriptions
transmitted by post between towns or places within the said Colony that is to say—

1. Banker's packets containing notes orders cheque or pass books sent by or to any bank or banker.
2. Packets containing patterns or samples of merchandise *bona fide* sent as such.
3. Packets open at each end containing prices current and catalogue of merchandise.
4. Packets containing writs and proceedings in any court of justice deeds conveyance affidavits or letters of attorney or any depositions or recognizances sent by or to any justice of the peace or coroner.
5. Packets open at each end containing printed votes and proceedings of Parliament or Colonial Legislatures.
6. Packets containing pamphlets magazines reviews or periodical publications (news-papers excepted).
7. Packets or covers enclosing maps or plans transmitted by or addressed to the Surveyor General or the department of the Surveyor General or returns made from or to any part of the public service pursuant to any law or duly authorized regulation
8. Packets containing placards and prospectuses.
9. Packets containing a single printed book.

Provided that upon every such packet received at any Post Office for transmission by ship to any place beyond the limits of Victoria there shall be paid the sum of _____ as sea postage thereon in addition to any sum that may be by this Act payable thereon for inland postage Provided also that there shall not be in or upon any such packets any letter epistolary communication or intelligence and that on the outside thereof in addition to the name and address of the person to whom the same is to be delivered the sender thereof shall subscribe with his name and address a statement of the contents thereof in the following form—that is to say "Banker's packet" or "patterns of merchandise" or other proper description within the terms of this enactment together with the words "packet without letter or writing" And provided that the Post Master General or other Post Master shall be at liberty to refuse to transmit by post any such packet when of the weight of one pound or unless it be folded within dimensions not exceeding fifteen inches in length by six inches in breadth or any packet containing or reasonably believed to contain any article likely to injure the other contents of mail bags Provided lastly that no such packet as aforesaid shall be transmitted by post to any place to which either partly or for the entire distance the mail shall be conveyed on horseback unless the Lieutenant Governor with the advice of the Executive Council shall otherwise direct.

Question proposed—That the first blank occurring in the first line in the above Clause be filled up with the words "*Fourpence.*"—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Motion made—That the first blank occurring in the first line of the above Clause be filled up with the words "*Sixpence.*"—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Question—That the first blank occurring in the first line of the above Clause be filled up with the words "*Fourpence.*"—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Miller,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,

Noes, 18.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,

Ayes—*continued.*

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Campbell,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes—*continued.*

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Motion made and question put—That the last proviso in the before mentioned Clause III., commencing in line thirty-four be struck out.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Lieutenant Col. Anderson,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Horne,
Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 5.—*Post Office Act Amendment Bill*—Recommittal Clause III.—Question proposed—That the word "*Threepence*" occurring in the seventh line of Clause III. be struck out with a view of inserting the word "*Fourpence*" in the place thereof—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)
Motion made—That the word "*Threepence*" occurring in the seventh line of Clause III. be struck out with a view of inserting the word "*Sixpence*" in the place thereof—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

No. 6. Question—That the blank occasioned by striking out the words “*Threepence*” in the seventh line of Clause III. be filled up with the words “*Fourpence*.”—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Campbell,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Mollison,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 12.

Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller*.)

No. 7. Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again on Wednesday the 14th day of March instant.—(*Mr. Harrison*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 21.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Griffith,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Speaker,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fellows,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller*.)

No. 8.—*Finance Estimates for 1855*—Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.—(*Mr. Hodgson*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 17.

The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller*.)

No. 9. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £2000 be appropriated to defray the allowance in lieu of forage for 16 horses, at £125 each for the department of the Central Road Board for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £1550 be appropriated to defray the allowance in lieu of forage for 14 horses, at £125 and 8 at £100 each, for the department of the Central Road Board for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1250 to be appropriated to defray the allowance in lieu of forage for 10 horses, at £125 each, for the department of the Central Road Board for the year 1855.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Speaker,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Mollison,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Russell,
The Collector of Customs
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Cole,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 10. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £100 be appropriated to the purchase of instruments for the department of the Central Road Board for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. McCulloch,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Ross,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Russell,
The Auditor General,
The Attorney General,
The Speaker, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH.

No. 11. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £542,418 15s. be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies for the General Police Force for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £400,000 be appropriated to defray the salaries, allowances, and contingencies for the General Police Force for the year 1855.—(*Mr. Forlonge.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Highett,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Solicitor General,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 16.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH.

No. 1. *Loan Bill*—Clause X.

The said Colonial Treasurer under the authority of the Lieutenant Governor shall make all such arrangements for the payment of any debentures at “*the office of the Colonial Agent General or at any banking establishment*” in London as to such Colonial Treasurer with the authority of the Lieutenant Governor may seem desirable to secure the due and punctual payment of any such debentures or interest thereon as may be required to be paid in London.

Motion made—That the words “*the office of the Colonial Agent General or at any*” occurring in the second and third lines of the above clause be struck out and that the words “*such public or private*” be inserted in the place thereof.—(Mr. Greeves.)

Motion made—That the words “*Colonial Agent General or at any banking establishment*” occurring in the second and third lines of the above clause be struck out and that the words “*Agent of the Colony*” be inserted in the place thereof.—(The Collector of Customs.)

Motion made—That the words “*or Mercantile*” be inserted after the word “*banking*” in the third line of the above clause.—(Mr. Russell.)

Motion made—That the words “*Colonial Agent General*” in the second and third lines of the above clause be struck out, and that the words “*Agent of the Colony*” be inserted in the place thereof.—(Mr. Griffith.)

Question—That the words “*the office of the*” proposed to be struck out, stand part of the question—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Russell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (Teller.)

Noes, 8.

Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Greeves, (Teller.)

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

No. 2. *Finance*—*Estimates for 1855.*

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated towards extending the jetty at Williamstown.—(The Auditor General.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Griffith,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Attorney General,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £20,000 be appropriated towards enlarging the Custom House, Melbourne.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated towards enlarging the Custom House, Melbourne.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Surveyor General,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Auditor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £5000 be appropriated for the enlargement of the Custom House, Melbourne.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Attorney General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Myles,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 5.—Question—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated for the enlargement of the Custom House, Melbourne—put.—*Mr. Greeves.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Surveyor General,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Goodman,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields, (*Teller.*)

The Tellers having reported that the numbers for the "Ayes" and for the "Noes" were respectively 15, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the "Ayes," and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

No. 6.—*Impounding Law Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause XX.

Where any impounded cattle shall not have been released from the pound by the owner thereof or by some one on his behalf within seven days after notice has been given to the owner agent or overseer or registering person by delivering to him personally or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode or within twenty-one days after the notice shall have been despatched through the general post or inserted in the *Government Gazette* as the case may require which periods of seven days and twenty-one days respectively shall be reckoned exclusively of the day upon which the said notice shall have been delivered or despatched or inserted it shall be lawful for the said poundkeeper to "sell" all such impounded cattle by public auction Provided that no such sale shall be made or take place excepting on the first and third Wednesdays in any month such first and third Wednesdays respectively to be the first or third Wednesday as the case may be after the expiration of the notices respectively herein required to be given or sent and the poundkeeper shall at such sales act as auctioneer and all such sales shall take place at the public pound where the said cattle shall have been impounded and shall commence at the hour of noon and not more than ten head of sheep or five pigs or goats shall be put up in any one lot and not more than one horse or one head of any other cattle and "*neither the person who impounded the said cattle nor*" the keeper of the pound shall either personally or by any other person either directly or indirectly purchase any of the said cattle and every person offending herein shall on conviction forfeit and pay for every such purchase contrary to the true intent and meaning hereof any sum not exceeding "*fifty pounds.*"

Motion made and question put—That after the word "sell" occurring in the eighth line of the above clause the following words be inserted "to any person or persons whatever whether such person be the party impounding such cattle or not."—(*Mr. Goodman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Highbett,
Mr. Greeves,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Mollison,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Miller,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Smith, (*Teller.*)

No. 7.—Motion made—That the words “*neither the person who impounded the said cattle nor*” occurring in the fifteenth and sixteenth lines of the above clause be struck out.—(Mr. Goodman.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
Mr. O’Shanassy,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O’Brien,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Strachan, (Teller.)

Noes, 18.

Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Greeves,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. A’Beckett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Goodman, (Teller.)

No. 8.—Motion made—That after the words “*fifty pounds*” occurring in the last line of the above clause the following proviso be added “*Provided that when any cattle shall have been purchased by the person impounding the same such cattle shall be retained by such person and carefully preserved in fair condition (unavoidable accidents only excepted) for a period not exceeding six months and the owner of such cattle at any time during such period shall and may claim and receive such cattle from such person upon payment of the sum paid by him and a further sum at the rate of ten pounds per centam per annum in the meantime.*”—(Mr. Fawkner.)

Motion made—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day week. (Mr. Griffith.)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day month.—(Mr. Mollison.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Smith,
The Speaker,
Mr. Cole,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Chapman,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Mollison, (Teller.)

Noes, 25.

The Collector of Customs,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O’Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. A’Beckett,
Mr. O’Shanassy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Greeves, (Teller.)

No. 9.—Question—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day week—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. a'Beckett,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fras. Murphy,
The Speaker,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Auditor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 10.—Motion made—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday, 27th March, instant.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Motion made—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday, 20th March, instant.—(*Mr. Campbell.*)

Question—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday, 27th March, instant—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

The Collector of Customs,
The Speaker,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. a'Beckett,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 11.—Question—That the Chairman report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday, 20th March, instant—put.

Committee divided. Ayes, 14.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Speaker,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. a'Beckett, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 12.—Question—That the words proposed by Mr. Fawkner to be inserted be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Mollison,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.

Mr. A'Beckett,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Speaker,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Goodman, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 17.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH.No. 1.—*Reservoirs in Agricultural Districts.*

Question—That an address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause such arrangements to be made as may lead to the preservation of winter rains in such localities as to His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council may appear desirable—put.—(*Mr. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Fawcner,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Highett,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Speaker,
The Collector of Customs
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH.No. 2.—*Finance—Estimates for 1855.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £12,000 be appropriated for the erection of a Custom House, Geelong.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £8000 be appropriated for the erection of a Custom House, Geelong.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cole,
Lieutenant Col. Anderson,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Harrison,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Auditor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated for the erection of a Custom House, Geelong.—(*Mr. Fawkner*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Smith,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Russell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Auditor General,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Question—That a sum not exceeding £12,000 be appropriated for the erection of a Custom House, Geelong—put.

Committee divided—

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wills,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Russell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH.

No. 5.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £2500 be appropriated to meet the salaries of Clerk of Works and Clerks to be employed, as required in the department of the Colonial Engineer for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above item be struck out.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

The Surveyor General,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Campbell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

No. 6.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £900 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Secretary to the Denominational School Board for the year 1855.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That all the items relating to education be postponed.—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 26.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
The Auditor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Bradshaw,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Speaker,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 18.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
 IN
 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1854-55.

TUESDAY, 27TH MARCH.

No. 1.—*Finance—Estimates for 1855—Education.*

Question proposed—"That" the departments in connexion with the Denominational and National Systems of Education be maintained.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the first word "That" in the above question be omitted with a view to insert the following words—"in the opinion of this Committee the departments in connexion with the Denominational and National Boards should be maintained during the year 1855, or until a general Board of Education shall have been fully constituted."—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Jas. Murphy,
 Mr. Burnley,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Campbell,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Speaker,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted—proposed.

Motion made and question put—That the committee proceed to the next item on the estimates.—(*Mr. Hervey.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Lieut. Col. Anderson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Colonial Secretary,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Question proposed—“ That the sum of £4000 be set apart for the expenses of the “ National Board out of the sum on the estimates for elementary education—the salaries “ to teachers for existing schools, under both systems, Denominational and National, in “ accordance with the present rates be paid during the current year—and the balance be “ divided between both systems in ‘*proportion*’ to the number of scholars on the books “ of each at the end of the year 1854.”—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “ proportion,” occurring in the fifth line of the above question be struck out, with a view to insert the following words in the place thereof:—“ *of six-tenths to the Denominational, and four-tenths to the “ National Board.*”—(*The Speaker.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Beaver,
The Auditor General,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

The Speaker,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Annand,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Amendment proposed—That the following words be added at the end of the above resolution:—“ Provided that neither Board shall make grants towards school buildings to a greater amount than that of the local subscriptions.”—(*Mr. Campbell.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Beaver,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Speaker,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Annand,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

The Tellers having declared that the numbers for the “ Ayes” and for the “ Noes” were respectively 15, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the “ Ayes,” and declared the question to have passed in the affirmative.

No. 5.—Amendment proposed—That at the end of the above question, as amended, the following words be added:—“ Provided that the amount of such subscriptions shall be paid into the “ Colonial Treasury, and no grant shall be made until a certificate shall be obtained from “ the Colonial Engineer, that the buildings and their fittings are primarily adapted for “ school purposes.”—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Question—That the words “ *Provided that the amount of such subscriptions be paid into the Colonial Treasurer*” stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Speaker,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Beaver,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

No. 6.—Question—That the words "*Provided also, that no grant be made until a certificate shall be obtained from the Colonial Engineer, that the buildings and their fittings are primarily adapted for school purposes,*" stand part of the proposed amendment—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Wills,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Russell,
The Speaker,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Beaver,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Campbell, (*Teller.*)

No. 7.—Amendment proposed—That the following proviso be added at the end of the above question, as amended—"Provided that in no case shall any building be used for church purposes that may hereafter receive any grant from the educational fund."—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Question—That the above proviso stand part of the question—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 21.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Cole,
The Auditor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Campbell,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 19.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 3RD APRIL.

No. 1.—*Finance—Supplementary Estimates, 1854.*Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £5000 be appropriated as a gratuity to Mr. Hargreaves.—(*The Auditor General.*)Motion made and question put—That the following words be added to the above question—
“and the discoverers of gold in Victoria.”—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Smith,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Horne,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Beaver,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Russell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nicholson,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Motion made—That the further consideration of the before mentioned item, as amended, be postponed with a view to the increase thereof to the sum of £10,000.—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Highett,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.
Mr. Farie,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Chapman,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £5000 be appropriated as a gratuity to Mrs. Chisholm.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated as a gratuity to Mrs. Chisholm.—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Greeves,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Beaver,
The Collector of Customs,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Farie,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £4000 be appropriated as a gratuity to Mrs. Chisholm.—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fawcner, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

Mr. Greeves,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. O'Brien,
The Surveyor General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Beaver,
The Collector of Customs,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 20.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL.No. 1.—*Public Disturbances Prevention Bill.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman leave the chair.—(Mr. Greeves.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Wilkinson
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Clause VI.—Any expense which may be incurred for the salary or emoluments of the Commissioners or their clerks or assistants or for any jurors rate collectors or assessors or for the rent of any office or other necessary buildings or in any other manner in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be charged upon such proclaimed "district" and levied upon and paid by the inhabitants thereof in manner hereinafter provided.

Motion made and question put—That after the word "district," occurring in the fourth line of the above clause the following words be inserted, "or upon the general revenue, or both in such proportion as may be fixed by a special Act of Council."—(Mr. Harrison.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 21.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 17TH APRIL.No. 1.—*Public Education Bill.*—Clause VIII.

No school shall receive after the passing of this Act any grants of money from the said board of public education towards its establishment by the erection purchase enlargement or improvement of school buildings until one or more "*persons*" shall have been appointed as local managers of such school and provision shall have been made for the continuance of such local management by the trust deeds thereof and until the site thereof shall have been effectually conveyed to and vested in either the said board of education or trustees duly appointed whether such school be in connection with any church or denomination or not.

Motion made and question put—That after the word "*persons*" occurring in the third line in the above clause the following words be added—" *such persons not being in holy orders*"—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

The Speaker,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 20.

The Attorney General,
The Surveyor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Campbell,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. J. Murphy,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Kennedy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Clause IX.

In every deed or declaration of trust as the case may be whereby the site of any school buildings may be conveyed and vested as aforesaid due provision shall be made for the fulfilment of the following conditions that is to say

1st. *That the school shall be open for not less than five hours on every school day throughout the year for the purpose of instructing scholars therein and that during such hours good and efficient instruction shall be given to all such scholars in reading writing arithmetic grammar geography and history and such other branches of useful knowledge as may be deemed expedient to be taught therein.*

2nd. No pupil shall be required to join in or be present at any religious instruction or exercise in any public school contrary to the expressed wishes of his or her parents or actual guardians.

3rd. All public schools shall be at all times open to inspection by such persons as may be appointed for this purpose by the said board of public education to be by them inspected with reference to the management of their temporal affairs and the extent and quality of the secular instruction given in such schools Provided that nothing be done by or in the name of the said board which shall interfere with the religious instruction given in such schools.

4th. The manager or managers and all masters and teachers of every public school shall produce such books and accounts and make such returns reports and statements as may be from time to time required by the said board of public education.

Amendment proposed—That the first sub-section in the above clause be struck out with a view to insert the following in the place thereof—

“1st. Not less than four hours of general literary instruction shall be given on each school day throughout the year which hours shall be fixed and notified to the said board of public education and during such specified hours pupils of all denominations shall be admitted on equal terms to receive such general literary instructions.”—(The Collector of Customs.)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day six months—(Mr. Mollison.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Speaker,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Russell, (Teller.)

Noes, 17.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson, (Teller.)

No. 3.—Question—That the words proposed by the Collector of Customs to be omitted, stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Smith,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Miller, (Teller.)

Noes, 17.

Mr. Farie,
The Speaker,
Mr. Cole,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Kennedy,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Annand, (Teller.)

No. 4.—Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Farie,
Mr. Cole,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Speaker,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Russell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 19TH APRIL.

No. 5. *Customs Regulations Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause XI.

All gold found in any boat lighter or vessel or in any vehicle or in transit upon any beast of burthen or about the person of any one in charge of any boat lighter vessel vehicle or beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed towards any wharf or landing place or towards the coast or frontier of the said colony for the purpose of being exported contrary to the provisions of this or the said recited Acts shall be forfeited together with such boat lighter vessel or vehicle or beast of burthen and the proof that such gold so found in any boat lighter vessel vehicle or beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed as aforesaid is not for the purpose of being exported as aforesaid shall lie upon the owner or person in charge of such gold and all persons who shall aid or assist or be concerned in the conveyance of such gold shall each forfeit either treble the value thereof or a penalty of one hundred pounds at the discretion of the convicting justices.

Question—That the above clause as amended stand part of the Bill—put.—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. James Murphy,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Miller,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Burnley,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 9.

Mr. Cole,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

No. 6.—Clause XII.

It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to make rules and regulations for the receipt custody and transmission of gold at and from any place in the said "*Colony*" and to remit in whole or in part the charges for such custody and transmission upon any gold deposited at such place "*for exportation.*"

Motion made—That all the words in the above clause after the word "*Colony*" in the third line thereof be struck out.—(*Mr. Forlonge.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
 Mr. J. Murphy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Wilkinson
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Griffith,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

No. 7. Motion made that the words "*for exportation*" in the last line of the above clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. James Murphy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Attorney General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL.

No. 8.—*Additional Estimates for 1855.*

Question—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to increase the salary of the Attorney General, for the year 1855—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Strachan,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Annand,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Chapman,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 9.
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Miller, (*Teller.*)

No. 9.—*Estimates for 1855.*

Question—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to defray the salaries of three inspectors of scab at £500 each for the year 1855—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

The Collector of Customs,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Taylor,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Auditor General,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 22.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 24TH APRIL.No. 1.—*Roads Act Amendment Bill.*Motion made and question put—That the Chairman leave the Chair.—(*Mr. F. Murphy.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fellows
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Taylor,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 8.

The Surveyor General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—*Customs Regulation Act Amendment Bill.*—Proposed Clause V.

The master of every ship bound from the Colony shall before departure if required by the Collector or other principal officer produce to him a bill or bills of lading or a copy thereof for any and every part of the cargo laden on board.

Question—That the above proposed clause stand as Clause V. in the Bill—put.—(*The Collector of Customs.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Greeves,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Miller,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 13.

Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Clause XI.

All gold found in any boat lighter or vessel or in any vehicle or in transit upon any beast of burthen or about the person of any one in charge of any boat lighter vessel vehicle or beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed towards any wharf or landing place or towards the coast or frontier of the said colony for the purpose of being exported contrary to the provisions of this or the said recited Acts shall be forfeited together with such boat lighter vessel or vehicle or beast of "*burthen*" and the proof that such gold so found in any boat lighter vessel vehicle or upon any beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed as aforesaid is not for the purpose of being exported as aforesaid shall lie upon the owner or person in charge of such "*gold*" and all persons who shall aid or assist or be concerned in the conveyance of such gold shall each forfeit either treble the value thereof or a penalty of one hundred pounds at the discretion of the convicting justices.

Motion made—That all the words after the word "*burthen*" occurring in the sixth line of the above clause to and including the word "*gold*" in the ninth line thereof be struck out.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above Clause be struck out from the Bill.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Harrison,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Pohlman,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Clause XI.

Question—That the words proposed by Mr. Harrison to be omitted stand part of the Bill.
Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

No. 5.—Clause XII.

It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to make rules and regulations for the receipt custody and transmission of gold at and from any place in the said "*Colony*" and to remit in whole or in part the charges for such custody and transmission upon any gold deposited at such place for exportation.

Motion made—That all the words after the word "*Colony*" occurring in the third line of the above clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.
 The Attorney General,
 The Auditor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Wills,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Mollison,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. James Murphy,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 The Speaker,
 Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

No. 6.—Clause XII.

Motion made and question put that this clause be struck out from the Bill.—(*Mr. Nicholson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. Cole,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. James Murphy,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Ross,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Strachan (*Teller.*)

Noes, 19.
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Auditor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. A'Beckett, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 25TH APRIL.

No. 7.—*Customs Regulations Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause XII. as amended.

All gold found in any boat lighter or vessel or in any vehicle or in transit upon any beast of burthen or about the person of any one in charge of any boat lighter vessel vehicle or beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed towards any wharf or landing place or towards the coast or frontier of the said colony for the purpose of being exported contrary to the provisions of this or the said recited Acts shall be forfeited together with such boat lighter vessel or vehicle or beast of "*burthen*" and all persons who shall aid or assist or be concerned in the conveyance of such gold shall each forfeit either treble the value thereof or a penalty of one hundred pounds at the discretion of the convicting justices.

Motion made and question put that after the word "*burthen*" occurring in the sixth line of the above clause the following words be inserted—"and the proof that such gold so found in any boat lighter vessel vehicle or upon any beast of burthen or in the possession of any person being conveyed as aforesaid is not for the purpose of being exported as aforesaid shall lie upon the owner or person in charge of such gold.—(*Mr. Annand.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Auditor General,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Annand, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Sargood,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

No. 8.—*Post Office Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause I.

The fifth sixth seventh and "*fifteenth*" clauses of "*The Postage Act 1854*" and so much of the nineteenth section thereof as requires the prepayment of postage on letters and packets transmitted by ship to parts beyond the sea and as enacts that "no colonial postage shall be required on letters or newspapers received from beyond sea for delivery to any part of Victoria" and so much of the said section as is otherwise inconsistent herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed from the date of the proclamation hereinafter mentioned.

Motion made and question put—That the words "*and nineteenth*" be inserted after the word "*fifteenth*" occurring in the first line of the above clause.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 3.
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Wills,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Strachan,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Auditor General,
 Chief Commissioner of Gold Fields,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Mollison, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL.

No. 9.—*Impounding Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause XXX.

It shall be lawful for the owner occupier or person in charge of securely enclosed lands to destroy any "*goats*" found trespassing thereon.

Motion made and question put that the words "*and pigs*" be inserted after the word "*goats*" in the second line of the above clause.—(*Mr. Mollison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Farie, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Greeves,
 The Colonial Engineer,
 The Attorney General,
 Acting Chief Commissioner of Police,
 The Auditor General,
 Mr. Forlonge, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 23.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY.No. 1.—*Scab Act Amendment Bill.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and obtain leave to sit again this day six months.—(Mr. Taylor.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Strachan,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Taylor, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Speaker,
Mr. Farie,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Forlonge,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Hervey, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 3RD MAY.No. 2.—*Salary of the Speaker*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman leave the Chair.—(Mr. Fawcner.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Annand,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Attorney General,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Cole,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Hervey,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Farie,
The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Griffith,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 24.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY.

No. 1.—*Scab Act Amendment Bill*.—Proposed New Clause III.

Every owner of sheep above the age of six months kept or depastured on any land whatever in Victoria shall on or before the thirty-first day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six or within two months after such sheep shall have come into his possession cause all such sheep to be marked or branded in a conspicuous way "*as well*" with pitch tar or paint as with a firebrand and every such mark or brand shall be the usual brand of the owner of such sheep and shall if not a firebrand be not less than three inches in length and every owner shall within one month after such sheep shall come into his possession register by writing under his hand with the Clerk of Petty Sessions nearest to the place in which such sheep shall then be a true description of such mark brand or firebrand together with the name of each owner of such sheep so marked branded or firebranded and the name of the place or station where the same are depastured or kept and every sheep marked or branded as aforesaid shall be taken to be the property of and to belong to the person whose name is registered as the owner of sheep so marked or branded unless the contrary be proved and proof of the identity or similarity of the mark or brand on such sheep with or to the mark or brand registered and of the name of the owner registered as aforesaid shall be good *prima facie* evidence of the proprietorship of such sheep Provided that all firebrands now on any sheep shall when duly registered be deemed a sufficient compliance with this Act and provided further that such Court of Petty Sessions shall cause any owners of sheep within the same District using similar brands to make such difference in their brands respectively as may be necessary to prevent mistake or confusion And every owner who shall refuse or neglect to mark and affix or refresh and renew such marks and brands as aforesaid or to register such marks and brands as aforesaid or to make such difference in his brands as aforesaid shall upon conviction forfeit and pay for such offence any sum not exceeding pounds.

Motion made and question put that the words "*as well*" occurring in the fifth line of the above clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Forlonge.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Attorney General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.

The Speaker,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Proposed new Clause V.

Any person who shall import into Victoria any sheep infected as aforesaid shall for every such sheep so infected forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding the sum of pounds.

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the second line of the above clause be filled up with the word "ten."—(*The Speaker.*)

Motion made and question put—That the blank occurring in the second line of the above clause be filled up with the word "five."—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 16.

Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Mollison,
The Speaker,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 10TH MAY.

No. 3.—*Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause III.

Motion made and question put—That the consideration of this clause be postponed.—(*Mr. Hervey.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Cole,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. A'Beckett,
The Speaker,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Strachan,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. J. Murphy,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Miller,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 11TH MAY.

No. 4.—*Retiring Allowance to Captain Foster Fyans.*

Question proposed—That this Committee considers it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1855 the sum of £5000 as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.—(*Mr. Harrison.*)

Motion made and question put—That this Committee considers it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1855 the sum of £3000 as a retiring gratuity to Captain Foster Fyans, in consideration of his long and faithful public services.—(*Mr. Fawcner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. James Murphy,
Mr. Wilkinson, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 15.

The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Cole,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Harrison,
Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

No. 5. *Gold Fields Law Amendment Bill.*—Clause III.

“The Miner's Right” shall be in force for the period of twelve months from the date thereof and shall during the said period authorise the holder to mine for gold upon any of the waste lands of the Crown, and to occupy for the purposes of residence so much of the said lands as may be deemed necessary in connection with the purpose of mining and every such holder shall during the continuance of such Miner's Right be deemed in law to be the owner (except as against Her Majesty only) of the claim (not being at any time more than one) which shall be occupied by virtue of such Miner's Right and during such continuance as aforesaid all gold then being in and upon the said claim (not being more than one occupied as aforesaid) shall except as against Her Majesty be deemed in law to be the absolute personal property of such holder.

Motion made and question put—That the following proviso be added at the end of the above clause:—

“*Provided that any person whether the holder of such Miner's Right or not who shall occupy and reside upon any such waste lands not being actually employed in the search or mining for Gold shall be deemed to be in the unauthorised occupation of such lands and shall be liable to be dealt with accordingly.*”—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Bradshaw,
Mr. Campbell,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Fawkner,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Collector of Customs,
The Attorney General,
The Auditor General,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. F. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 25.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1854-55.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY.

No. 1.—*Finance—Further Additional Estimates for 1855.*

Question—That a sum not exceeding £25,979 0s. 9d. be appropriated to defray the amount awarded to William Hughes with moiety of costs of arbitration and interest on the surrender of his claim on the land and buildings erected thereon known as Hughes's Wharf—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Cole,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Pohlman,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Hodgson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Kennedy,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 9.

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

No. 2.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £819 15s. 10d. be appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the District Council of Grant from the 22nd March 1844 to 20th November 1845 under the Imperial Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 76.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above item be struck out.—*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Fyfe,
The Auditor General,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Cole,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General,
The Attorney General,
The Acting Solicitor General,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

No. 3.—Question—That a sum not exceeding £819 15s. 10d. be appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the District Council of Grant from the 22nd March 1844 to 20th November 1845 under the Imperial Act 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 76.—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Auditor General,
 The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 10.
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Horne, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY.

No. 4.—*Finance—Further Additional Estimates for 1855.*

Question—That a sum not exceeding £15,000 be appropriated to defray the cost of stationery purchased in England for the supply of the Government Departments—put.—(*The Auditor General.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
 The Attorney General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Auditor General,
 The Surveyor General,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Pohlman,
 Mr. Farie,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Riddell,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Highett,
 The Colonial Engineer, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 18TH MAY.

No. 5.—*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill.*

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again this day six months.—(*Mr. Strachan.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Strachan, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 12.
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Cole,
 The Collector of Customs,
 The Acting Solicitor General,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 26.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY.

No. 1.—*River Yarra Pollution Prevention Bill.*Motion made and question put—That the Chairman leave the Chair.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

Mr. Hodgson,
The Attorney General,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Fyfe,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
The Surveyor General, (*Teller.*)

WEDNESDAY, 23RD MAY.

No. 2.—*Scab Act Amendment Bill.*—Clause IX.

Every owner of sheep infected as aforesaid shall cause the same to be secured and kept at night in good and substantial folds and in case he shall neglect or omit so to do he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not less than five pounds nor exceeding twenty-five pounds.

Question—That the above clause stand part of the Bill—put.—(*Mr. Wills.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. J. Murphy,
 Mr. Strachan,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Kennedy,
 Mr. Fyfe,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Burnley,
 The Speaker, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 18.

Mr. O'Shanassy,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 Mr. Wilkinson,
 Mr. Highett,
 Mr. Hervey,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Bradshaw,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Riddell,
 Mr. Nicholson,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Fawkner,
 The Attorney General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 27.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**TUESDAY, 29TH MAY.No. 1.—*Scab Act Amendment Bill*.—Clause III.

Every owner of sheep above the age of six months kept or depastured on any land whatever in Victoria shall on or before the thirty-first day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six or within two months after such sheep shall have come into his possession cause all such sheep to be marked or branded in a conspicuous way as well with pitch tar or paint "*as with a firebrand*" and every such mark or brand shall be the usual brand of the owner of such sheep and shall if not a firebrand be not less than three inches in length and every owner shall within one month after such sheep shall come into his possession register by writing under his hand with the Clerk of the Petty Sessions nearest to the place in which such sheep shall then be a true description of such mark brand and firebrand together with the name of each owner of such sheep so marked branded and firebranded and the name of the place or station where the same are depastured or kept and every sheep marked and branded as aforesaid shall be taken to be the property of and to belong to the person whose name is registered as the owner of sheep so marked or branded unless the contrary be proved and proof of the identity or similarity of the mark or brand on such sheep with or to the mark or brand registered and of the name of the owner registered as aforesaid shall be good *prima facie* evidence of the proprietorship of such sheep. Provided that all firebrands now on any sheep shall when duly registered be deemed a sufficient compliance with this Act and provided further that such Court of Petty Sessions shall cause any owners of sheep within the same District using similar brands to make such difference in their brands respectively as may be necessary to prevent mistake or confusion. And every owner who shall refuse or neglect to mark and affix or refresh and renew such marks and brands as aforesaid or to register such marks and brands as aforesaid or to make such difference in his brands as aforesaid shall upon conviction forfeit and pay for such offence any sum not exceeding fifty pounds.

Motion made and question put that the words "*as with a firebrand*" occurring in the fifth line of the above clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Riddell*.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Highett,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller*.)

Noes, 10.

Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Greeves,
The Speaker,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller*.)

No. 2.—Proposed new Clause IX.

Every owner of sheep infected as aforesaid shall cause the same to be followed and kept in sight when depasturing throughout the day and to be kept within secure folds or other fences throughout the night.

Question—That the above clause stand part of the Bill—put.—(*Mr. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

The Collector of Customs,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Highett,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Campbell, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 9.

The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Mr. Farie,
The Colonial Engineer,
The Acting Chief Commissioner of
Police,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Mollison,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Riddell, (*Teller.*)

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY.

No. 3.—*Immigrants Bill.*—Proposed new Clause III.

If any ship to which "*The Passengers' Act 1852*" does not extend shall arrive in any Port in Victoria having on board a greater number of passengers exclusive of *bona fide* cabin passengers than in the proportion of one passenger for every twelve clear superficial feet or seventy-two cubical feet of the space occupied by such passengers such space being free from stores except the personal luggage of such passengers and being in all cases allotted on the main deck, or the deck immediately below it not being an orlop deck or (unless the ship be propelled by steam) having on board a greater number of persons including the master and crew and cabin passengers than in the proportion of one person to every ten tons of the tonnage of such ship the owner charterer or master of such ship shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for each passenger so carried in excess or improperly.

Question—That the above clause stand part of the Bill—put.—(*Mr. Fyfe.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Lieut. Col. Anderson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hodgson,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 6.

The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney General,
The Collector of Customs,
The Surveyor General,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Myles, (*Teller.*)

No. 4.—Clause IV.

Within twenty-four hours after the arrival in any port of Victoria of any ship having any immigrants on board the master shall pay to the Emigration Agent or other officer to be appointed by the Governor a rate of pounds for every such immigrant arrived in such ship and shall take a receipt for such payment and shall deliver such receipt to the Collector or other proper Officer of Customs at the port before making entry of such ship and no entry shall be deemed to have been legally made or to have any legal effect whatever until such receipt shall have been so delivered and if any master neglect to pay such rate within the time aforesaid he shall on conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding in addition to the amount of such rate.

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the third line of the above clause be filled up with the word "*five.*"—(*The Colonial Secretary.*)

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the third line of the above clause be filled up with the word "*ten*."—(*Mr. Fawkner.*)

Motion made—That the blank occurring in the third line of the above clause be filled up with the word "*fifteen*."—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Question—That the blank occurring in the third line of the above clause be filled up with the word "*five*"—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. F. Murphy,
Mr. A'Beckett,
Mr. Campbell,
The Acting Solicitor General,
The Attorney General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Collector of Customs, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 17.

Mr. Burnley,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Taylor,
Lieut. Colonel Anderson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Sargood,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Fyfe,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Fawkner,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hodgson, (*Teller.*)

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 28.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL.

*Extracted from the Minutes.***Session 1854-55.**

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JUNE.

No. 1.—*Immigrants' Bill*.—Proposed new Clause IX.

No such Immigrant who shall arrive in Victoria after the first day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five shall be entitled to hold or shall hold a Miner's Right or other authority to search for or procure gold in Victoria nor shall any such Miner's Right or authority be issued to or held by any such Immigrant after the thirty-first day of December One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Question—That the above proposed clause stand part of the Bill—put.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 2.

Mr. Fawcner,
Mr. Greeves, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 27.

The Surveyor General,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Chief Commissioner of Gold
Fields,
Lieut. Col. Anderson,
The Auditor General,
Mr. F. Murphy,
The Colonial Engineer,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Hervey,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burnley,
Mr. Ross,
Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Harrison,
Mr. Strachan,
The Attorney General,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Farie,
Mr. Smith,
The Collector of Customs,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE.

No. 2.—*Bank of New South Wales Act Amendment Bill.*Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again on Monday.—(*Mr. Mollison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Fawcner,
 Mr. Harrison,
 Mr. Miller,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Burnley,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. F. Murphy,
 Mr. Fyfe, (*Teller.*)

Noes, 14.

The Colonial Secretary,
 The Attorney General,
 Mr. A'Beckett,
 The Collector of Customs,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Hodgson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Goodman,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 The Chief Commissioner of Gold
 Fields,
 The Acting Chief Commissioner of
 Police,
 Mr. J. Murphy, (*Teller.*)

