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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

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TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1856.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Edward Henty, Esq., a member of "*The Committee of Elections and Qualifications*," was, pursuant to "*The Electoral Act of 1856*," sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the Assembly.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented a Petition from John Dunmore Lang, Doctor of Divinity, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, praying the House would be pleased to take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and institute a searching inquiry into the matters detailed in the Petition, and especially into the important facts and circumstances bearing upon the case that have come to light since the trial and conviction of Lang and Drake in the month of December, 1854.

Petition received.

4. ELECTION PETITION.—Mr. David Moore having presented to the Speaker a Petition from William Jardine Smith, of the City of Melbourne, gentleman, an elector for the district of East Bourke, and who voted for the election of the said district, praying that this House would take the statements set forth in the Petition into their consideration, and would declare that Robert Bennett, who had been declared to have been duly elected to serve in this present Legislative Assembly for the district of East Bourke, was and is disqualified from sitting in this House, and the said election and return of the said Robert Bennett to be wholly null and void, and would give the Petitioner such further and other relief as to this House should seem meet, the Speaker laid the said Petition before the Assembly.

Mr. Moore then moved, That the said Petition and the questions thereby raised be referred to "*The Committee of Elections and Qualifications*."

Question—put and passed.

5. PAPERS.—Captain Pasley presented, pursuant to an order of the Assembly, dated 5th December, 1856, a return of the correspondence between the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works and the Municipal Council of Williamstown, relative to a supply of water to that township, also of the Report of the President of the Water and Sewerage Commission as to the practicability of such water supply.

Ordered to be printed.