

There was but a very thin attendance of members yesterday, barely sufficient to make a House, but at least an average amount of business was transacted.

The Colonial Secretary informed Mr Mercer, that it was intended immediately to raise the salaries of all Government officers, excepting those of the higher grade, which would undergo no alteration till after the estimates were before the House.

The Colonial Secretary also stated in reply to a question from Mr Splatt, that His Excellency had received a communication on the Squatting question from certain members of the House, but not forwarded through the Speaker; and Mr Splatt gave notice that he should move for the production of a copy of that communication.

The Court of Requests Bill was again committed, and a clause giving power to physicians to recover fees, was carried on a division by the casting vote of the Chairman, the numbers being equal.

The Law of Evidence Amendment Bill was read a second time, and committed; and when the House resumed, the attendance having dwindled down to seven members, including the Speaker and the Chairman of Committee, the other orders of the day were postponed. Mr Fawcner promising on all future occasions of non-attendance, to call for divisions, so as to see what members did attend to their duties, and who did not.

The Council adjourned at half-past five o'clock.

Our English news compels us to postpone a detailed report.