

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

In the Legislative Council yesterday, Petitions were presented against any alterations in the Liquors Sale Laws, by Messrs. Fyfe and Sargood; and by Mr. Cameron, from the miners of the Ovens, against the granting any fresh claims at the new creeks or waterholes without the sanction of the Local Court.

Mr. Campbell gave notice of a resolution affirming the inexpediency of introducing the ballot into the new Electoral Bill.

Mr. Fellows gave notice of his intention to move for a return of the weekly business transacted in Courts of Petty Sessions where police magistrates presided.

The Chief Secretary gave notice of his intention to move for leave to bring in bills to authorise an assessment on stock, and to continue the Act for the Prevention of the Influx of Criminals.

Mr. Grant gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to allow barristers and attorneys, admitted in other colonies, to practise in Victoria.

Mr. Campbell gave notice of his intention to move a resolution for the purpose of granting compensation to tenants of pastoral lands surrendering their rights, as recommended in the 26th section of the despatch of the Duke of Newcastle, dated 29th November, 1854.

The Surveyor-General laid on the table the correspondence relating to the auriferous lands at Clunes, and to Mr. Campbell's pre-emptive right; also copies of the instructions issued to district surveyors at Ballaarat.

Dr. Greeves gave notice of his intention to move an address to her Majesty, praying her to refuse her sanction to any measure calculated to admit convicts into Victoria.

Mr. O'Brien gave notice of his intention to move for certain returns relative to the expenditure in the different Government departments; and Mr. Cameron of his intention to move for correspondence relative to a branch post office at the Ovens.

Mr. Miller gave notice of his intention to move the second reading of the Victoria Fire and Marine Insurance Bill.

Mr. Wills gave notice of his intention to move for an address praying for a return

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of the agricultural produce and preserved meats imported into the colony in 1855.

Mr. Fawcner having obtained the suspension of the standing orders for that purpose, moved the House in committee to consider as to the propriety of praying that the Acting Governor would place on the estimates a sufficient sum to defray the cost of the funeral of the late Governor. The sum named was £1500—£500 for the funeral, and £1000 for the monument.

The proposition for the monument was determinedly opposed by the members for the gold-fields, who seemed to retain a strong recollection of the loss of life at Ballaarat. Mr. Lalor said that the tombs of Ballaarat were quite sufficient, and Mr. Pyke thought it would not be unjustifiable to propose that the monument should be erected on the site of the Eureka Stockade.

Mr. Grant moved, as an amendment, that the grant be limited to £500 for the funeral; and, after a sharper debate than became the occasion, the amendment was negatived by 42 to 8, and the original motion carried.

The House then went into committee on the Elections Regulation Bill, and the clauses to No. 14 were agreed to.

The consideration, in committee, of the Victoria Electoral Bill, and of Mr. Lalor's motion for returns relative to the losses sustained during the Ballaarat riots, were postponed.

In answer to Mr. Fyfe, the Chief Secretary said that the Government had received a proposition for the formation of a national bank, and there would be no objection to lay the correspondence on this subject on the table of the House.

In answer to Mr. Sargood, the Chief Secretary said that steps were being taken to investigate the cause of the loss of the Schomberg, but it was not desirable then to state what they were.

A motion by Mr. Fellows for the production of certain correspondence relative to a land sale at Colac was agreed to.

The Chief Secretary laid upon the table certain papers which had been moved for.

The Council then adjourned.

**BUSINESS FOR THIS DAY (FRIDAY).**

**NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

*Friday, 11th January, 1856.*

**1. Mr. Lalor: to ask**

The Chief Secretary whether the Resident Warden at Ballaarat has made any representation as to the insufficiency in the number of wardens there for the proper administration of justice; and if so, what steps have been taken in the matter.

**2. Mr. Riddell: To ask**

The Chief Secretary whether the arrangements for leasing a piece of ground at Williamstown for the purposes of a patent slip have been carried out, and if not, what steps are being taken by the Government for securing to this port so desirable a work.

**NOTICES OF MOTION.**

**1. Mr. Wills: To move—**

That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and ascertain the best method of collecting information as to the number and description of live stock imported into Victoria from New South Wales and South Australia, such committee to consist of the Attorney-General, Mr. Taylor, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Knight, Dr. Greeves, Mr. Mollison, and the mover.

**2. Mr. Campbell, to move—**

That it is the opinion of this House that this colony should prove its sympathy with the great interests of the British empire in the present war by every means in its power, and that the Crown lands of the colony might be made available for the purpose of encouraging the meritorious services of British soldiers, under suitable regulations.

**3. Dr. Greeves: To move—**

(1.) That a select committee be appointed to take into consideration the estimates for 1856, with a view of equalising salaries and economising expenditure for the purposes of Government.

(2.) That such committee consist of the Chief Secretary, the Treasurer, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Miller, Mr. Strachan, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. M'Culloch, and the mover.

**4. Mr. Campbell: To move—**

That it is the opinion of this House that, under existing circumstances, the public interests of the colony require that the question of the ballot should not be introduced into the present Electoral Bill, but should be postponed until the meeting of the new Legislature.

**5. Mr. Fellows: To move—**

That an address be presented to his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this Council a return of the average number of cases disposed of weekly in every Court of Petty Sessions in which there is a stipendiary or police magistrate.

**6. The Chief Secretary: To move—**

For leave to bring in a bill to continue the Act, 18 Vict., No. 3, to prevent the influx of criminals into Victoria.

**7. The Chief Secretary: To move—**

For leave to bring in a bill to authorise, for a limited period, an assessment on stock.

**8. Mr. Cameron: To move—**

That an address be presented to his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the table of this Council copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster-General and the late Postmaster at Beechworth, relative to the establishing of branch or district post-offices in the Ovens district, and of any suggestions accompanying such correspondence.

**9. Mr. O'Brien: To move—**

That an address be presented to his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, praying that his Excellency will cause to be laid before the Council a return, signed by the head of each department, showing the amount actually expended or incurred by such department during the year 1855; 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 1855, together with any explanatory remarks that have been made by the head of each department.

**10. Mr. Cameron: To move—**

That the petition of James Lonnie and other miners of the Ovens district, presented by him, be referred to the select committee now sitting on the powers of the Local Courts.

**11. Mr. Miller: To move—**

That the bill to enable the Victoria Fire and Marine Insurance Company to sue and be sued, be now read a second time.

**12. Mr. Lalor: To move—**

That an address be presented to his Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of the House a copy of the report of the commission appointed by his late Excellency to inquire into certain claims for compensation made by persons at Ballaarat, for losses sustained by the destruction of their property on the 3rd December, 1854, and also a copy of all the other documents connected therewith.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

**1. Bills of Exchange Bill—To be further considered in committee.**

**2. Expenditure for Roads and Bridges—To be further considered in committee.**

**3. Elections Regulation Bill—To be further considered in committee.**

**4. Victoria Electoral Bill—To be further considered in committee.**

**MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.**

Gold—at eleven o'clock. Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Extension Bill—at twelve o'clock.