

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, 27th October

The Speaker took the chair this day at eight minutes past three.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. O'SHANASSY gave notice, that on Thursday, 10th November, he should move that the Melbourne Ship Canal and Dock Company's Bill be read a first time.

GOLD DISCOVERY.

On the motion of Mr. HODGSON, the petition of James Regan, claiming compensation for the discovery of gold in this colony, was ordered to be printed and referred to the Gold Discovery Committee now sitting.

SCAB IN SHEEP.

Mr. SNODGRASS moved that the Petition of William Shaw Clayton and others, on this subject, be printed.

Mr. GOODMAN said, that having had an opportunity of reading the petition, he found that all the suggestions contained in it were met by the recommendations of the committee recently appointed upon the subject, and therefore he thought it unnecessary that the petition should be printed.

Mr. SNODGRASS, in reply, thought that the hon. member must have mistaken the purport of the petition, for in the report which had been brought up from the select committee, certain provisions were recommended to be enacted with reference to the travelling of scabby sheep throughout the country, and this petition prayed that such enactments must not be passed.

The motion was then agreed to.

GEE LONG MAIL.

Captain COLE moved 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—

(1.) A return of the number of letters conveyed by direct ship mails to Geelong by vessels bound to Melbourne, from the date of the proclamation, 22nd July, to this time.

(2.) A return of the number of letters conveyed by direct ship mails to Melbourne, for the same period.

Mr. STRACHAN suggested that the date from which the first return should be made, should be altered from the 22nd July to the 1st April, inasmuch as although the regulations came in force in July, yet there were ship mails landed at the Heads before that time, which alteration having been assented to by the hon. mover, the motion was agreed to.

FEMALE IMMIGRATION.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid upon the table certain correspondence with the Female Emigration Society, under the patronage of Mr. Sydney Herbert, which was ordered to be printed.

The Council then rose at sixteen minutes past three.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Friday, 28th October.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Mr. DANE: To ask the Colonial Secretary how many prisoners there are under sentence at each of the stockades around Melbourne; also how many in each of the hulks in Hobson's Bay on this day.

2. Dr. THOMSON: 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 House a return of the number of prisoners (if any) whose sentences have been remitted or commuted before the expiration of such sentences, distinguishing the period remitted in each case.

3. Mr. O'BRIEN to move: That this Council resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of moving an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1854, the sum of £1100 for the clearing and fencing in of the Cemetery in connection with the township of Kilmore and its vicinity.

Contingent on the adoption of the above Address—

Mr. O'BRIEN to move: That an Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will sanction the immediate expenditure of the above-named sum, in order to accomplish the object in view.

4. Mr. FAWKNER: To move, That this House do resolve to present an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to order a Bill to be brought into this House to fix a rate or assessment upon all stock grazing on Crown lands in the intermediate and in the unsettled (so called) districts, and that such rate may be charged per head as will be in accordance with the present value of the lands of the colony and of the enhanced price of meat and tallow, &c.

5. Mr. MYLES: 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, a return of the number of applications for publican's licenses which have been made to the several Courts of Petty Sessions, from the 1st January, 1852, to the 1st October, 1853, stating the number of licenses granted, and the number refused in each district; also the causes of such refusals, whether on moral grounds or insufficiency of premises; also the number of persons who have registered themselves as wholesale wine and spirit dealers, and the number of persons who have been convicted of breaches of the Licensing Act, specifying in what district.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Gauge of Railways.—Consideration of Report from Select Committee on.

MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Gold-Fields,—at eleven o'clock.

Ovens Mining Company's Bill,—at twelve o'clock.

Mariages Bill,—at one o'clock.

Public Works,—at one o'clock.