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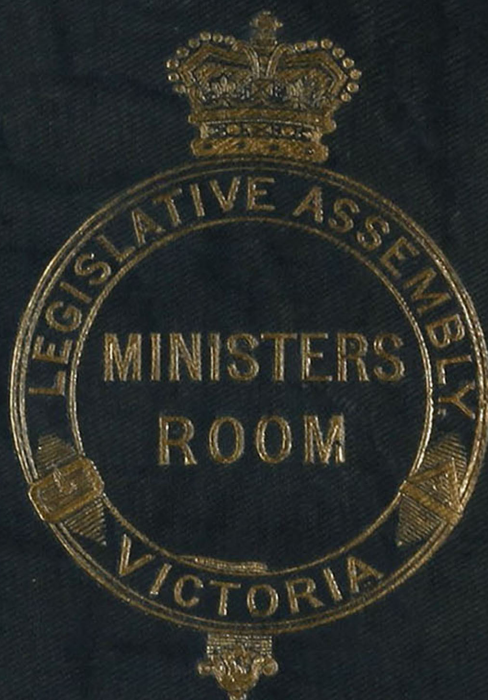
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| 1 | Oaths of Office Bill | Mr. Haines | Dec. 3 | Dec. 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Order for second reading discharged, 17th December. |
| 2 | Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Greeves | Dec. 8 | Dec. 8 | Dec. 14 | Dec. 14 | Dec. 21 | Dec. 22 | Dec. 22 | April 14 | June 1 | June 1 | June 4 | June 15 | LIX. | | | |
| 3 | Assembly Members Increase Bill | Mr. Haines | Dec. 16 | Dec. 16 | Jan. 7 | To Select Committee Jan. 19 | From Select Committee Jan. 27 | Jan. 8 | Feb. 5 | | | | | | | | | Lapsed. |
| 4 | Duration of Assembly Bill | Mr. Haines | Dec. 16 | Dec. 16 | Jan. 5 | To Select Committee Jan. 19 | From Select Committee Jan. 26 | | | Jan. 29 | | | Withheld June 4 | | | | | |
| 5 | Elections Regulations Bill | Mr. Haines | Dec. 16 | Dec. 16 | Jan. 7 | To Select Committee Jan. 19 | From Select Committee Jan. 27 | Feb. 17 | Feb. 18 | | | | | | | | | Order for adoption of report from Committee of the whole discharged, 18th May. |
| 6 | Oaths Bill | By Resolution of Committee on Motion of Mr. Michie | Dec. 17 | Dec. 17 | Dec. 18 | Dec. 18 | Dec. 18 | Dec. 21 | Dec. 21 | Dec. 21 | | | Jan. 27 | Jan. 29 | XLV. | | | Order for further consideration in Committee discharged, 5th May. |
| 7 | Public Education Bill | Mr. Michie | Dec. 21 | Dec. 21 | Jan. 6 | Jan. 22 | Jan. 22 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill | Mr. C. Campbell | Jan. 5 | Jan. 5 | Jan. 8 | Feb. 3 | Feb. 18 | | | April 28 | June 1 | June 2 | June 4 | June 11 | LV. | | | Order for further consideration in Committee discharged, 14th April. |
| 9 | Municipal Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Hancock | Jan. 19 | Jan. 19 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 18 | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Assessment on Stock Bill | By Resolution of Committee on Motion of Mr. Moore | Jan. 20 | Feb. 9 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 16 | Feb. 18 | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Crown Explanantion Bill | Capt. Clarke | Jan. 29 | Jan. 29 | April 21 | April 21 | April 27 | | | Feb. 23 | May 6 | | Mar. 10 | Mar. 12 | XLVII. | | | Reserved June 4 |
| 12 | Union Bank of Australia Bill | Mr. Sitwell | Feb. 5 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | To Select Committee Feb. 19 | From Select Committee April 8 | | | April 16 | | | June 4 | June 11 | LI. | | | |
| 13 | Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill | Mr. Brooke | Feb. 5 | Feb. 5 | April 14 | To Select Committee April 14 | From Select Committee April 22 | | | May 20 | | | June 4 | June 11 | LIV. | | | |
| 14 | Debtors from Neighboring Colonies Bill | Mr. Michie | Feb. 5 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | | | Feb. 16 | | | Mar. 10 | Mar. 12 | XLVIII. | | | |
| 15 | Appropriation Bill | By Resolution in Committee upon Motion of Mr. Ebdon | Feb. 5 | Feb. 5 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | | | Feb. 16 | | | Mar. 10 | Mar. 12 | XLVI. | | | |
| 16 | Audit Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Grant | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | April 13 | April 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | Order for second reading discharged, 14th April. |
| 17 | Medical Practitioners Bill | Dr. Embling | Feb. 12 | Feb. 12 | April 13 | April 28 | | | | | | | | | | | | Lapsed in Committee of whole House, 21st May. |
| 18 | Publicans Law Amendment Bill | Mr. Haines | Feb. 18 | Feb. 18 | April 13 | April 27 | April 27 | | | | | | | | | | | Order for second reading discharged, 18th May. |
| 19 | Geelong Gas Bill | Mr. Brooke | Feb. 19 | Feb. 19 | April 13 | To Select Committee April 13 | From Select Committee April 28 | | | May 21 | June 2 | June 2 | June 4 | June 15 | LVII. | | | |
| 20 | Law of Arrest Amendment Bill | Mr. Service | Feb. 19 | Feb. 19 | April 21 | To Select Committee April 16 | From Select Committee April 20 | | | | | | | | | | | To be read a second time this day six months, 21st April, 1858. |
| 21 | Supreme Court Sittings Bill | By Message from Legislative Council | Mar. 3 | Mar. 3 | April 21 | To Select Committee April 16 | From Select Committee April 20 | April 27 | April 27 | April 28 | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Electoral Districts Alteration Bill | Mr. Chapman | April 13 | April 13 | April 14 | April 14 | April 22 | April 22 | April 22 | April 27 | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Roads Districts Assessment Bill | Mr. Sitwell | April 16 | April 16 | May 21 | May 21 | May 26 | | | May 28 | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill | Mr. Grant | April 21 | April 21 | April 22 | April 22 | June 1 | June 2 | June 2 | June 3 | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Board of Land and Works Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Gavan Duffy | April 21 | April 21 | April 22 | April 22 | April 27 | | | April 28 | June 2 | June 3 | June 4 | June 15 | LVIII. | | | |
| 26 | Main Trunk Line of Railway Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Gavan Duffy | April 21 | April 21 | April 27 | April 27 | May 27 | | | April 28 | | | June 4 | June 11 | L. | | | |
| 27 | Partnerships Bill | Mr. Ireland | April 28 | April 28 | May 5 | May 5 | May 26 | May 27 | May 27 | June 1 | | | June 4 | June 15 | LVI. | | | |
| 28 | Particular Friendly Societies Bill | By Message from Legislative Council | May 5 | May 5 | May 27 | May 27 | May 27 | | | May 28 | | | June 4 | June 15 | LIII. | | | Order for second reading discharged, 18th May. |
| 29 | Partnerships Limited Liability Bill | Mr. Ireland | May 5 | May 5 | May 27 | May 27 | May 27 | | | | | | | | | | | Lapsed in Committee of the whole, 2nd June. |
| 30 | Marriage Laws Consolidation Bill | By Message from Legislative Council | May 18 | May 21 | May 27 | May 28 | May 21 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | Roads Act Amendment Bill | Mr. Adamson | May 21 | May 21 | May 21 | May 21 | May 21 | | | May 21 | May 27 | May 27 | June 4 | June 11 | LII. | | | |
| 32 | Mining Machinery Mortgage Bill | Mr. Grant | May 21 | May 21 | May 27 | May 27 | June 1 | | | | | | | | | | | Order for second reading discharged, 26th May. |
| 33 | Audit Act Amendment Bill (2) | Mr. Chapman | May 27 | May 27 | May 27 | May 27 | June 1 | | | June 2 | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Post Office Money Orders Bill | Dr. Evans | May 28 | May 28 | June 1 | June 1 | June 1 | | | June 2 | | | June 4 | June 15 | LX. | | | |

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VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1857.

1. House met pursuant to Proclamation under the Hand of His Excellency the Governor and Seal of the Colony, bearing date at Melbourne the thirtieth day of November, 1857, which was read by the Clerk as follows:—

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency SIR HENRY BARKLY, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS the present Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday, the third day of December next: Now therefore I, the Governor aforesaid, do hereby proclaim and direct that the said Parliament shall assemble on that day, at the Parliament Houses, in the City of Melbourne, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the despatch of business.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Melbourne, this thirtieth day of November, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign.

(L.S.)

HENRY BARKLY.

By His Excellency's Command,
WILLIAM C. HAINES.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY THE USHER.—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency desires the immediate attendance of the Assembly in the Chamber of the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went to attend His Excellency, and being returned—

- 3 PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Council 18 Victoria No. 37 :—
Creswick—Local Court Regulation.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Haines also presented, pursuant to Act of Council 18 Victoria No. 39 :—

Chinese—Supplementary Regulation for the Chinese on the Gold Fields.

Ordered to be printed.

4. NEW WRIT.—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had, during the recess, issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Geelong in the place of Alexander Fyfe, Esq., resigned.

5. OATHS OF OFFICE BILL.—Mr. Haines moved for leave to bring in a Bill to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of qualification for Office.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Haines brought up a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of qualification for Office,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time Thursday, 17th December instant.

6. HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.—Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor in the Chamber of the Legislative Council, when His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I regret that I am compelled to call you together for the despatch of public business almost immediately after the termination of an unusually laborious Session, and at a season during which many representatives of the Country Districts cannot relinquish without great inconvenience and loss the personal supervision which the successful prosecution of their business demands.

I should not feel justified in asking you to submit to this sacrifice of your time and interests, were I not sensible of the many evils which may be caused by departing from the spirit of the Constitution, and imposing upon the Government the necessity of dealing with the public revenue before obtaining the sanction of the Legislature.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be at once laid before you. I trust you will find that, while making sufficient provision for the Public Service, they have been framed with a due regard to economy. I need not point out how desirable it is, at this advanced period of the year, that your undivided attention should be given to their consideration without delay.

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Measures will be laid before you for the Amendment of the Constitution Act. Of these the most important will be a Bill for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and for effecting such alterations in the Electoral Districts as are rendered necessary by changes in the local distribution of the population, in order to secure to each class of the community its due representation in the Legislature.

A Bill will be submitted to you for reducing the duration of the Assembly from five to three years; and another for placing the independence of Parliament beyond the possibility of question, by rendering all salaried officers of the Government, with the exception of the Responsible Ministers, incapable of being elected Members of either House of Legislature.

A Bill for amending and incorporating in one Act the laws relating to proceedings at Elections, the return of Members to Parliament, and the prevention of bribery and intimidation, will also be laid before you.

As the measures of Reform which were passed in the last Session, and those which may be expected to become law during the present, can have but limited operation until followed by a dissolution and a general election, it is not the intention of my advisers to submit for your consideration any subjects with regard to which legislation is not immediately required, or which would be more properly dealt with by an Assembly representing those electors upon whom the franchise has been recently conferred.

The only Bills therefore which will be brought under your consideration in addition to the measures to which I have alluded, will be one for simplifying the Oaths of Qualification for Office, and one for increasing the Assessment on Sheep and Cattle.

The subjects to which I have alluded are of high importance, and I have no doubt will engage your serious attention.

I pray God to prosper your counsels and guide your decisions.

(Signed)

HENRY BARKLY,

Governor.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY.—Mr. Heales moved, That the House resolve that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to express our loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank His Excellency for the consideration which he has shewn for our personal convenience—to convey our concurrence in the opinion that it is desirable that, when practicable, the public revenue should not be expended before the sanction of the Legislature is obtained—to thank His Excellency for informing us that the Estimates for the ensuing year will be immediately laid before us, and to assure him that we consider that our undivided attention should be given to them without delay—to assure His Excellency that our serious consideration shall be given to the measures of Reform which His Excellency has directed to be laid before us—to express our satisfaction that it is not the intention to submit for our consideration any subjects with regard to which legislation is not immediately required, and that the only Bills which will be brought under our notice will be one for simplifying the Oaths of Qualification for Office, and one for increasing the Assessment on Sheep and Cattle—to assure His Excellency that we heartily concur in his prayer that God may prosper our counsels and guide our decision.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

8. COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP ADDRESS—Ordered that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Excellency upon the said Resolution, and a Committee was appointed to consist of Mr. Haines, Mr. Perry, Mr. Sitwell, Captain Anderson, Mr. Fellows, and Mr. Heales, or any three of them.

Ordered—That His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee, and that the Committee do at once retire to consider the Address.

Mr. Heales brought up the following Address—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful subjects, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in Parliament assembled, desire to express our loyalty to Our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to offer our thanks to Your Excellency for the consideration you have shewn for our personal convenience.

We desire to convey to Your Excellency our concurrence in the opinion that it is desirable that, when practicable, the public revenue should not be expended before the sanction of the Legislature is obtained.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that the Estimates for the ensuing year will be immediately laid before us, and to assure your Excellency that we consider that our undivided attention should be given to them without delay.

We assure Your Excellency that our serious consideration shall be given to the measures of Reform which Your Excellency has directed to be laid before us.

We desire to express our satisfaction at learning that it is not the intention of your Advisers to submit for our consideration any subjects with regard to which legislation is not immediately required; and that the only Bills which will be brought under our notice will be one for simplifying the Oaths of Qualification for Office, and one for increasing the Assessment on Stock.

We assure Your Excellency that we heartily concur in your prayer that God may prosper our counsels and guide our decisions.

On the motion of Mr. Heales, the Assembly adopted the Address, and ordered the same to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. Haines, the Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes to seven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—The Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PAPERS.—Mr. Michie presented—
Supreme Court Rule.—Regula Generalis of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. DAYS OF MEETING.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business during the present Session, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 4. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.—Mr. Ebden, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Monday, 7th December instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 5. DAYS FOR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week during the present year, the transaction of Government business shall take precedence of all business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the following members form the Select Committee upon Standing Orders :—Mr. Aspinall, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Ebden, Dr. Evans, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Horne, Mr. McCulloch, and Mr. O'Shanassy; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the following members form the Library Committee of the Assembly, viz., The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Greeves, Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Griffith, and Mr. Gavan Duffy, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 8. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the following gentlemen, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Horne, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Shanassy, Dr. Owens, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Snodgrass, be appointed the Printing Committee; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 9. REFRESHMENT ROOMS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Ebden moved, by leave of the Assembly, that the following members form the Refreshment Rooms Committee of the Assembly, viz., Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Finlay, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Horne, and Mr. Aspinall, with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Assembly adjourned at one minute past five o'clock until four o'clock on Monday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Haines, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That the House do at its rising this day adjourn until half-past eleven o'clock a.m. to-morrow.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. PRAYER—Mr. Colin Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the proceedings of this Assembly be commenced on each day by the Speaker pronouncing the Lord's Prayer.
Mr. Sargood moved the previous question.
Question—That this question be now put—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Wilkie,

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Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebdon,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Sargood, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Service,

And so it passed in the negative.

4. EMERALD HILL CORRESPONDENCE.—Mr. Heales moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Langlands, The re-appointment of the Committee on the Correspondence between the City and Emerald Hill Councils with the Government, namely, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Adamson, Mr. Harker, Mr. Heales, and the Mover, three to form a quorum, and that the evidence taken during the last Session of Parliament be referred to the said Committee.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—In pursuance of "*The Electoral Act of 1856*," Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Warrant appointing "*The Committee of Elections and Qualifications*," which was read as follows:—

"VICTORIA.

"Pursuant to the provisions of '*The Electoral Act of 1856*,' I do hereby appoint—

George Harker, Esquire,
George Samuel Wegg Horne, Esquire,
Richard Davies Ireland, Esquire,
Henry Langlands, Esquire,
William Rutledge, Esquire,
James Service, Esquire,
John Dennistoun Wood, Esquire,

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

"Given under my hand this seventh day of December, 1857.

(Signed)

"FRANCIS MURPHY,
"*Speaker.*"

6. GOVERNOR'S SPEECH CONSIDERED.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor to both Houses of Parliament, and the same was again read by Mr. Speaker.
Mr. Ebden then moved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.
Question—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider the above motion—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Assembly adjourned at twenty-four minutes past five o'clock until half-past eleven o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. Speaker and such Members as were present proceeded to the Government Offices to present their Address of Thursday last.

And the House having resumed, Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply to the said Address:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I thank you for your dutiful Address.

I rejoice to hear that your attention will be immediately devoted to the consideration of the Estimates, and that you concur in the propriety of limiting the subjects to be dealt with during the present session to those upon which legislation is most urgently requisite.

(Signed)

HENRY BARKLY,

Governor.

Melbourne, 8th December, 1857.

3. NEW MEMBER.—Mr. John Johnson having taken the Oath, took his seat as member of the Assembly for the Electoral District of Gipps Land.
4. THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Speaker again laid upon the Table of the Assembly the Warrant appointing “The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.”

5. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the motion made yesterday that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty—on the motion of Mr. Ebden it was ordered that His Excellency’s most gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament be referred to the Committee, and—

On the further motion of Mr. Ebden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

6. CRIMINAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN.—Dr. Embling moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Horne, Aspinall, Sitwell, Findlay, and the Mover, be appointed to enquire into the laws at present in force relating to the evidence required from children of tender age who have been criminally assaulted.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. SALE OF LANDS.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion, that until Parliament has determined the mode of sale and settlement which ought to be adopted for the public lands of this country, it is contrary to the best interests of the people that large tracts of land should be put up for sale in districts where there is little population or demand; and that this House feels bound to record its disapprobation of the contrary practice having been adopted by the Government, whereby large portions of the public estate have fallen into hands of a few individuals, at a sum scarcely above the upset price.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Service moved that the question be divided into two parts.

Debate continued.

Question—That this question be divided into two parts—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Service, }

Noes, 27.
 Capt. Anderson,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Fellows, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. McCulloch, }

And so it was passed in the negative.

Question—That this House is of opinion, that until Parliament has determined the mode of sale and settlement which ought to be adopted for the public lands of this country, it is contrary to the best interests of the people that large tracts of land should be put up for sale in districts where there is little population or demand; and that this House feels bound to record its disapprobation of the contrary practice having been adopted by the Government, whereby large portions of the public estate have fallen into hands of a few individuals, at a sum scarcely above the upset price—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 12.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Grant, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Hancock, }

Noes, 24.
 Capt. Anderson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. John Johnson,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Service, }

And so it passed in the negative.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That leave of absence for fourteen days be granted to the Honorable Member for Anglesey, on the ground of urgent business.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Greeves having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sewerage and Water Act, brought up a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, ‘An Act to establish a Board of Commissioners for the better Sewerage and Drainage of the City of Melbourne, and for supplying Water thereto, and to the Suburbs thereof;’*” and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time Monday, 14th December instant.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. THE COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Mr. Speaker again laid upon the Table of the Assembly his warrant appointing "*The Committee of Elections and Qualifications.*"
 3. SUPPLY.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider the motion made upon Monday last, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, a resolution, and the same was read as follows :—

Resolved—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

On the motion of Mr. Ebden, it was resolved—That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said resolution, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved—That this House will, upon to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Supply granted to Her Majesty.
- Assembly adjourned at five o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read :—

HENRY BARKLY,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1858, and a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.
Melbourne, 9th December, 1857.

Ordered to be printed together with the accompanying Estimates.

3. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a return to the writ he had issued for the election of a member to serve for the electoral district of Geelong, by which it appeared that Alexander Thomson, Esq., had been duly elected in pursuance of the writ.
4. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from J. D. Baragwanath, Esq., which he read to the Assembly, as follows :—

Heathcote, 8th December, 1857.

THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

SIR,—I hereby tender you my resignation as Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Rodney, trusting the same may be received.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN D. BARAGWANATH.

5. PETITION.—Mr. Embling presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Brunswick-street and other streets in Fitzroy Ward, in the city of Melbourne, praying the House to take the grievance set forth in the Petition into its earliest consideration, and thereby afford speedy redress.
Petition read and ordered to lie on the table.
6. SUPPLY.—The Order of the day for the House resolving itself into a Committee of Supply having been read—on the motion of Mr. Ebdon the Assembly ordered that the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1858 and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857 be referred to the said Committee, and—
On the further motion of Mr. Ebdon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes to seven until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

FRIDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Council 18 Victoria No. 37. :—
Castlemaine.—Local Court Regulation.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply, and Mr. Ebdon moved “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair—
Mr. Blair moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word “that” be omitted with view to insert, instead thereof, the words “a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the Public Lands Department, and of the survey of the territory, such Committee to consist of Mr. Moore, Captain Clarke, Mr. Horne, Mr. O’Shanassy, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Sargood, Dr. Owens, Mr. Humfray, and Mr. Blair; five to form a quorum; with power to send for persons and papers.”
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Ordered—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received on Tuesday, 15th December instant.
Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Comm may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday, 15th December instant, resolve itself into th said Committee.
4. PORT OF MELBOURNE.—Captain Clarke moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for Returns shewing—
 - (1.) The total number of vessels of all classes which have arrived and departed from the Port of Melbourne, during the month of October, 1857.
 - (2.) Number of crew arriving with and departing with each vessel.
 - (3.) Amount and value of tonnage discharged from and received into each vessel.
 - (4.) Number of passengers disembarked and embarked in each vessel.
 - (5.) Time each vessel remained in port, distinguishing, as far as practicable, where in th port such vessel laid and discharged and received her cargo and passengers.
 - (6.) The draught of water of each vessel.Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-seven minutes to ten o’clock until four o’clock on Monday next.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MR. CADOGAN CAMPBELL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That the correspondence between Mr. Cadogan Campbell and the Central Road Board, in connexion with the dismissal of that officer from his appointment under the Board, be laid on the Table of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. FEDERAL UNION.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed on the question of a Federal Union of the Australian Colonies, to consist of Mr. Michie, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Ebdon, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Moore, Dr. Evans, Mr. Horne, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Syme, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Harker, Mr. Gavan Duffy, and that they have power to confer with any Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, and to communicate with the Parliamentary Committees appointed on the same business in the other Colonies; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. SALES OF CROWN LAND.—Mr. Ireland moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for a Return of all Land, country and suburban, sold either by auction or selection since the twenty-second day of September, 1857, to the present time, distinguishing the localities in which the lands were situate and the quantities sold to each purchaser, the names of the respective purchasers, the date of sale and the prices paid, and the requisition for sale, with names of the requisitionists appended.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. HOUR FOR REFRESHMENT.—Mr. Rutledge moved, pursuant to notice, That during this Session the hour for refreshment be from "six to seven" o'clock; and that Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, do vacate the chair each day at six o'clock precisely.
Mr. O'Shanassy moved, as an amendment, that the words "six to seven" be omitted, and the words "seven to eight" inserted instead thereof.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That during this Session the hour for refreshment be from six to seven o'clock and that Mr. Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, do vacate the chair each day at six o'clock precisely—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LANDS AT RICKETT'S MARSH.—Mr. Hancock moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That in the opinion of this House the Crown lands at Rickett's Marsh, advertised to be sold on the 22nd and 23rd December instant, should be withdrawn from sale.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
7. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Greeves moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly ordered the Bill to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and
On the further motion of Mr. Greeves, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 17th December instant.

Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes to nine o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—Dr. Thomson was introduced, and having taken the oath, took his seat as member for the Electoral District of Geelong.
3. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from F. J. Sargood, Esq., which he read to the Assembly as follows :—
Melbourne, December, 1857.

SIR,

As I expect to be absent from Victoria for a period on a visit to England, I deem it my duty to place in your hands my resignation of the seat I hold in the Legislative Assembly as one of the Representatives of the Electoral District of St. Kilda.

Thanking you, Sir, and the Members of the House for the courtesy I have invariably received,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours with much respect,

(Signed)

F. J. SARGOOD.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Perry presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Williamstown, praying the House to extend the powers now possessed by the Commissioners of Water Supply, in order that they may be enabled to take action on the report of their engineer, and to take such further measures as to this House might seem expedient for the speedy supply of fresh water to Williamstown.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
5. SUPPLY.—SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1857.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—
11th December.
 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of contingencies in the Medical Department.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eighty three pounds six shillings and eightpence be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the difference between five months' salary paid to the Sheriff, Melbourne, at the rate of One thousand and five hundred pounds submitted on the estimates for 1857, and the rate of One thousand and three hundred pounds voted for that service for the same year.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of contingencies in the Department of the Sheriff, Beechworth.
 - (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and sixty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of contingencies in the Department of General Sessions, North-Eastern District.
 - (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of contingencies in the Department of General Sessions, Western District.
 - (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of contingencies in the Department of Coroners.

(7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eleven pounds seven shillings and eleven pence be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the supplementary expense for the year 1857 of the Miscellaneous Services hereinafter set forth, viz.:—

A sum not exceeding Sixty nine pounds twelve shillings and eight pence to reimburse the Resident Magistrate, Melbourne, the amount of costs paid by him in the action of "Grover v. Sturt;" and

A sum not exceeding Forty one pounds fifteen shillings and three pence to reimburse the Resident Magistrate, Melbourne, taxed costs in an application for writ of prohibition in an order for maintenance made by the Bench against Dr. Hunter.

On the motion of Mr. Ebden the Assembly agreed to the above resolutions.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

7. MR. W. L. MORTON.—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider Mr. William Lockart Morton's case, viz., Mr. Haines, Mr. Davis, Mr. Grant, Dr. Owens, Mr. Sitwell, Mr. Heales, Mr. Ireland, and the Mover; three to form a quorum, and that the evidence taken in this case during the last Session be referred to the said Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Assembly adjourned at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from Thomas Stevens, of Melbourne, contractor, praying the House would direct an enquiry to be instituted as to the mode in which tenders are accepted, and the reason for the acceptance of Mr. Michel's tender in preference to the tender of the petitioner, which was forty pounds lower.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—
15th December.
 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and seven hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the Salaries of the President and Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council for the year 1858.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand six hundred and ninety-six pounds and fifteen shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of the department of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1858.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand nine hundred and seventeen pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of the Library of the two Houses of Parliament for the year 1858.
 - (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand two hundred and twenty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the office of the Chief Secretary for the year 1858.
 - (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand and four hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the department of the Registrar General for the year 1858.
 - (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department in the Ballarat District for the year 1858.
 - (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department in the Castlemaine District for the year 1858.
 - (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department in the Sandhurst District for the year 1858.
 - (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand four hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department in the Avoca District for the year 1858.
 - (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department in the Beechworth District for the year 1858.
 - (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Gold Fields Department on the Anderson's Creek and Caledonian Districts for the year 1858.
 - (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the Contingencies of the Gold Fields Establishments for the year 1858.
 - (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of New Gold Fields and other unforeseen expenses of the Gold Fields for the year 1858.
 - (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of Mining Surveyors for the year 1858.
 - (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand three hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the Chinese Protectorate for the year 1858.
- On the motion of Mr. Ebden, the Assembly adopted the above resolutions.

4. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' INCREASE BILL.—Mr. Haines having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly and to alter the Electoral Districts, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly and to alter the Electoral Districts,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

5. DURATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL.—Mr. Haines having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to shorten the duration of the Legislative Assembly, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to shorten the duration of the Legislative Assembly;*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 22nd December instant.

6. ELECTIONS REGULATION BILL.—Mr. Haines having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Parliamentary Elections, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate Parliamentary Elections,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act 18 Victoria No. 37—

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| Castlemaine | } | Local Court Regulations. |
| Beechworth | | |
| Yackandandah | | |
| Maldon | | |
| Hepburn | | |
| Avoca | | |
- Severally ordered to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. D. S. Campbell presented a Petition from the South Yarra Waterworks Company, under the Corporate Seal of the said Company, praying that the House, before passing the second clause of the Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill, might be pleased to require, that so far as the district now supplied by the Petitioners is concerned, the power now sought by the Commissioners should not be conferred, except on the exercise by them of the power which they already possess by the 18th clause of the Company's Act of Incorporation.
Petition read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PRINTING REPORT.—Mr. Brooke, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
5. OATHS BILL.—Mr. Michie moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of agreeing to the following resolutions :—
 - (1.) That it is expedient to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in for that purpose.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolutions, viz. :—
 - (1.) That it is expedient to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in for that purpose.
 The Assembly adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be brought in accordingly.
6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Michie, the Assembly ordered the following Order to be discharged from the Paper :—

“ Oaths of Office Bill—Second reading.”

 On the motion of Mr. Michie, the Assembly ordered that the said Bill be withdrawn.
7. OATHS BILL.—Mr. Michie brought in a Bill intituled *“ A Bill to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office,”* and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—

17th December.

 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of Salaries and Wages of Gaol Establishments for the year 1858.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of Gaol Establishments for the year 1858.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses for salaries and wages of Penal Establishments for the year 1858.

- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four pounds eleven shillings and eight pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of Penal Establishments for the year 1858.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of salaries and wages of the Department of the Chief Medical Officer for the year 1858.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and thirty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Department of the Chief Medical Officer for the year 1858.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses of the salaries and wages of the Lunatic Asylum for the year 1858.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand seven hundred and ten pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Lunatic Asylum for the year 1858.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses for salaries of the Public Library for the year 1858.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand three hundred and seventy-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Public Library for the year 1858.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses for salaries of the department of the Shorthand Writer for the year 1858.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and ninety pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the department of the Shorthand Writer for the year 1858.
- (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifty-five thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Public Education for the first six months of the year 1858, to be distributed in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—Forty-one thousand pounds to the Denominational School Board, and Fourteen thousand pounds to the National School Board. To be applied, First in support of existing schools, and the balance to be distributed in aid of school buildings, according to the Census of 1857. No grant in aid of any building to be made in excess of the amount locally subscribed.
- (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the Botanic Garden for the year 1858.
- (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and twenty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Botanic Garden for the year 1858.
- (16.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred and twenty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of buildings and materials in the Botanic Garden for the year 1858.
- (17.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and twenty-two pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for salaries and wages in the department of the Geological Surveyor for the year 1858.
- (18.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Department of the Geological Surveyor for the year 1858.
- (19.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of the Magnetic Survey for the year 1858.
- (20.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of salaries of the Scientific Board for the year 1858.
- (21.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Scientific Board for the year 1858.
- (22.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the grant in aid of Agricultural Societies for the year 1858.
- (23.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the department of the Museum of Natural History for the year 1858.
- (24.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the department of the Museum of Natural History for the year 1858.
- (25.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and seventy-eight pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the Department of Mining, Economic Geology and Agriculture for the year 1858.
- (26.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and twenty-two pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Department of Mining, Economic Geology and Agriculture for the year 1858.
- (27.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and twenty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Experimental Farm for the year 1858.
- (28.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Experimental Farm for the year 1858.

(29.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the miscellaneous services in the department of the Chief Secretary for the year 1858, as hereunder set forth, viz.:—

A sum not exceeding Ten thousand pounds for preparing the Electoral Rolls and for expenses of Elections.

A sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds for expense of Colonial Agency.

A sum not exceeding Two hundred pounds for a Queen's Plate, to be run for at the Melbourne Races.

A sum not exceeding One thousand pounds for maintenance of Deserted Children.

A sum not exceeding One thousand pounds for rewards for the Apprehension of Offenders, and

A sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds for rewards under 6 Wm. IV. No. 4—
(*Dog Act*).

On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly adopted the above resolutions.

9. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. PUBLIC WORKS.—Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for a yearly Return of all Votes for Roads and Bridges, from 1st January, 1856, and for Public Works of all kinds from 1st January, 1855, to the present time, showing the amount proposed to be expended, and the amount actually expended, with a separate return of the expenditure within the town boundary of Melbourne, from 1851 to the present time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Monday, 21st December instant.

“Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill,—To be further considered in Committee.”

Assembly adjourned at sixteen minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Council, 18 Victoria No. 37—
Dunolly } Local Court Regulations.
Ballaarat }
Severally ordered to be printed.
Mr. Ebden also presented, pursuant to 18 Victoria No. 39—
Chinese Annual Rate Fund.—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1856.
Chinese Immigrants' Fund.—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1856.
Severally ordered to be printed.
Mr. Ebden also presented, pursuant to 18 Victoria No. 5—
Immigrants' Fund.—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
3. OATHS BILL.—Mr. Michie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
On the motion of Mr. Michie, the Assembly ordered the Bill to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and
On the further motion of Mr. Michie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Assembly ordered the Bill to be read a third time Monday, 21st December instant.
4. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—
17th December.
(1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of compensation to reduced officers in the Penal Establishments, for the year 1858.
(2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the department of the Supreme Court, for the year 1858, as hereunder set forth, viz. :—
A sum not exceeding One thousand and two hundred pounds for the salaries of four Judges Associates; and
A sum not exceeding One thousand and eight hundred pounds for the salaries of a Secretary, two Clerks, and a Messenger and Housekeeper in the Office of the Crown Law Officers.
On the motion of Mr. Ebden, the Assembly adopted the above resolutions.
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received on Monday next.
Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will on Monday next resolve itself into the said Committee.
Assembly adjourned at twenty-one minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock on Monday next.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Dr. Embling presented a Petition from John Arnold Christopherson, praying the House to take the statement set forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and grant him such relief as to the House might seem expedient.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebden presented—

Interest on Loans—Table shewing the amount payable annually from 1858 to 1875, in liquidation of the principal and interest of the several Loans contracted or guaranteed by the Government of Victoria.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ebden also presented—

Revenue from Ballarat—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 23rd January, 1857, for a Return of the Amount of Revenue derived from Ballarat since September, 1851, under the following heads:—

Gold Licenses,
Miners' Rights,
Publicans' Licenses,
Auctioneers' Licenses,
Town and Country Land Sales;

also the amount expended in the same district from the said date.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. CARLTON GARDENS.—Mr. Service moved, pursuant to notice, "That" the conservancy of Carlton Gardens having been committed by the Government to the City Council, under the restriction that no road for wheeled vehicles should be made there through, it is desirable, in the opinion of this House, that such restriction should be withdrawn, and the City Council, as the duly constituted representatives of the community at large, left at liberty to deal with the gardens in this respect as they may consider best.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greeves moved as an amendment, That all the words after the word "that" be omitted, with a view to insert instead thereof the words "in order to secure to the inhabitants of Melbourne and its suburbs the great advantages of the public parks, gardens, and places of recreation already set apart for their health and enjoyment, it is in the opinion of this House expedient that such portions of land be forthwith conveyed to proper trustees for the said purposes, and that an Address, embodying the above resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

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

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Embling,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Service, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wilkie, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Harker, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. D. S. Campbell moved as a further amendment, That the following words be added to the above question, viz., "and that a Bill be brought in for the above purpose."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 16.
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Humffray, }

Noes, 11.
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
 Dr. Embling, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the conservancy of Carlton Gardens having been committed by the Government to the City Council, under the restriction that no road for wheeled vehicles should be made there through, it is desirable, in the opinion of this House, that such restriction should be withdrawn, and the City Council, as the duly constituted representatives of the community at large, left at liberty to deal with the gardens in this respect as they may consider best, and that a Bill be brought in for the above purpose—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 13.
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
 Dr. Embling, }

Noes, 15.
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. D. S. Campbell, }

And so it passed in the negative.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebden presented pursuant to Act 21 Victoria No. 24—
 Public Accounts.—Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Treasurer respecting, and
 General Regulations respecting.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
6. PUBLIC WORKS.—BALLAARAT DISTRICT.—Mr. Lalor moved, pursuant to notice, for a return of the sums voted during last session for public works in the district of Ballaarat; and also a return of the amounts actually expended on such works.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. PUBLIC EDUCATION.—Mr. Michie moved, pursuant to notice, for a leave to bring a Bill for the promotion of Public Education in the Colony of Victoria.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Leave given to bring in the Bill.
 Mr. Michie then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Promotion of Public Education in the Colony of Victoria.*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Monday, 4th January, 1858.
8. ROADS AND BRIDGES, WIMMERA DISTRICT.—Mr. Quarterman moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return showing the expenditure of the sum or sums of money voted for Bridges within the Wimmera District during the past financial year.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented—

Roads and Bridges, Wimmera District.—Return to the above Resolution.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

10. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the Report to be received to-morrow.

11. DISCHARGE OF THE ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the paper.

Oaths Bill—Third reading.

12. OATHS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Michie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Assembly adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time.

Mr. 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. Michie, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Michie moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

“ An Act to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

13. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—

18th December.

(1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand and nine hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the Department of the Supreme Court for the year 1858, as hereunder set forth, viz :—

Three thousand one hundred and fifty pounds for the salaries in the office of the Prothonotary.

Two thousand and seventy pounds for the salaries in the office of the Master in Equity ; and

Ten thousand six hundred and eighty pounds towards defraying the salaries in the Department of the Sheriff.

(2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand two hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Department of the Supreme Court for the year 1858.

(3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries in the Department of the County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, and Courts of Insolvency for the year 1858.

(4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand and two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of Police Magistrates for the year 1858.

(5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand eight hundred and thirty-three pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Clerks of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, and Courts of Insolvency for the year 1858.

(6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand and two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Department of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, Courts of Insolvency, and of Police Magistrates for the year 1858.

(7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand nine hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the Department of Coroners for the year 1858.

On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly agreed to the above resolutions.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

“ Supply—to be further considered in Committee.”

Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes past ten o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^e. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MR. W. L. MORTON'S CASE.—Mr. Wood, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Committee appointed to inquire into Mr. W. L. Morton's case.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly the Message with the Bill intituled "*An Act to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office,*" in order to point out that the said Message does not bear the signature of the Speaker.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Melbourne, 22nd December, 1857.

4. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Monday, the 4th day of January, 1858:—
"*Duration of Assembly Bill—Second reading.*"
5. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.
6. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the paper:—
"*Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of Report.*"
7. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the Report to be received to-morrow.

Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 15.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1857.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had this day received a Return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of St. Kilda, by which it appeared that Henry Samuel Chapman, Esq. had been duly elected in pursuance of the said Writ.
3. PAPERS.—Mr Ebden presented, pursuant to the Constitution Act—
Constitution Act—Statement shewing the expenditure under Schedule D to the Constitution Act for the period from 23rd November to 31st December, 1855; also—Statement shewing the expenditure under Schedule D to the Constitution Act for the year 1856.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PETITION.—Captain Clarke presented a Petition from certain Owners of Property at and residents in the Districts of Sandridge and Emerald Hill, praying the House would take into favorable consideration the inadequacy of the present Harbor accommodation to meet the actual wants of the population of Emerald Hill and Sandridge, and the natural facilities which exist for affording access by shipping to both localities; and that, in consideration of the position which the Petitioners occupy in reference to the Government, from the enormous disparity between the local Revenue and Expenditure, this House would direct that such measures might be taken as to the House should seem meet for rendering justice in the case set forth in the Petition.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PARLIAMENT HOUSES.—Mr Moore moved, pursuant to notice, That the following gentlemen be appointed the Parliament Houses Committee, viz.:—The Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ebden, Mr. Gavan Duffy; three to form a quorum; and with power to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion for to-day:—
“Supply—Resolutions in Committee—To be reported.”
“Supply—To be further considered in Committee.”
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Ebden, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That the House do, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday, 5th January next.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the Motion of Mr. Ebden the several Orders set down for consideration on Monday, 4th January, were read and ordered to be postponed until Tuesday, 5th January next.
9. STOCK RETURNS.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return shewing the number and description of Stock depastured on Crown Lands in this province during the last seven years respectively, and the Revenue derived therefrom by the State in each year.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL.—Mr. Humffray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Select Committee on the Ballaarat Riots be re-appointed, to enquire into the claims for compensation arising out of the losses alleged to have been sustained at the time of, or in connection with, the destruction of Bentley's Hotel, on Ballaarat, with power to take evidence, and to call for and examine all books, petitions, reports, or other documents relating thereto, now in the custody of the Government; and that the following Members be appointed to act on the Committee, viz., Mr. Haines, Mr. Michie, Mr. Ebden, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Horne, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harker, Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. Wood, Dr. Owens, Mr. Humffray; three to form a quorum.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11.—SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow :—

22nd December.

- (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the office of the Treasurer for the year 1858.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and nine hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the office of the Treasurer for the year 1858.
- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries in the Establishment of Stores and Transport for the year 1858.
- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Stores and Transport for the year 1858.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand one hundred and fifty-four pounds and twelve shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the Establishment of the Government Printer for the year 1858.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand two hundred and sixty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Printer for the year 1858.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand four hundred and fifty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the Colonial Allowance to the Military for the year 1858.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Military for the year 1858.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the pay of the Volunteer Force for the year 1858.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and forty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Volunteer Force for the year 1858.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying Grants in Aid of Charitable Institutions for the year 1858, as hereunder set forth, viz., on condition that one-third the amount be raised by private contributions, and that a statement of transactions and account of receipts and expenditure of the year ending 31st December, 1857, be rendered in the prescribed form, to the Treasury; also that a similar account be furnished for 1858, before the 31st January, 1859—
 - Thirteen thousand pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Melbourne.
 - Two thousand pounds for building, and Four thousand pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Ballarat.
 - Two thousand pounds for building, and Three thousand and five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Sandhurst.
 - Three thousand pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Castlemaine.
 - Three thousand pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Beechworth.
 - Five hundred pounds for building, and One thousand and five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Maryborough.
 - Six hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Kyneton.
 - Five hundred pounds for building and Five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Portland.
 - Five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Belfast.
 - Five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Warrnambool.
 - Five hundred pounds for building and five hundred pounds for maintenance of the Hospital, Kilmore.
 - Five thousand pounds towards the maintenance of the Benevolent Asylum, Melbourne.
 - One thousand pounds towards furnishing the new wing to the Benevolent Asylum, Melbourne.
 - Three thousand pounds for building and Two thousand pounds for maintenance of the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Melbourne.
 - One thousand pounds for the maintenance of the Lying-in-Hospital, Melbourne.
 - Five hundred pounds for the maintenance of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Melbourne.
 - One thousand pounds for the maintenance of the Immigrants' Aid Society.
 - Three thousand pounds towards the maintenance of the Infirmary and Benevolent Asylum, Geelong.
 - One thousand and five hundred pounds for building and seven hundred and fifty pounds for maintenance of the Orphan Asylum, Geelong.
 - And seven hundred and fifty pounds for building and four hundred pounds for the maintenance of the Roman Catholic Orphanage, Geelong.

And, on condition that one half the amount be raised by private contributions, and that a statement of transactions and account of receipts and expenditure of the year ending 31st December, 1857, be rendered in the prescribed form, to the Treasury; also that a similar account be furnished for 1858 before the 31st January 1859, four thousand pounds for building the Lying-in Hospital, Melbourne.

(12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifteen thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray Grants in aid of Municipalities for the year 1858, as hereunder set forth, viz :—

A sum not exceeding One hundred thousand pounds in aid of the revenues of existing Municipalities, exclusive of Melbourne and Geelong, to be distributed in proportion to the amount of rates collected for the year 1857; and

A sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand pounds in aid of Municipalities to be created during the year 1858, to be distributed in proportion to the amount of rates collected during the year 1858.

(13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand and three hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the miscellaneous services in the Department of the Treasurer for the year 1858, as hereinafter set forth, viz. :—

Ten thousand pounds for expenses of Pounds.

Five thousand pounds for advertising in the Public Journals.

One hundred pounds for purchase of Newspapers for Record, &c.

Five hundred pounds for expenses of Commissions of Enquiry.

One thousand pounds to meet expenses of Prosecutions under the Revenue Laws.

One thousand pounds gratuity to Mr. Chas. C. Dunn.

One thousand pounds gratuity to Mr. Nathl. Lipscombe Kentish.

Five hundred pounds gratuity to Mr. Matthew McHugh; and

Two hundred pounds reimbursement to the Father of the late Lieut. Edward Thompson.

On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly adopted the above Resolutions.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 5th January next :—

“ Supply—To be further considered in Committee.”

13. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly adopted the amendments made by the Committee of the whole in this Bill.

Mr. 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. Greeves moved, That this Bill be now “ read a third time.”

Capt. Anderson moved, as an amendment, that the word “ now” be omitted, and that the words “ Wednesday, the 6th January next,” be added after the word time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be read a third time Wednesday, 6th January next—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Assembly adjourned at twelve minutes past six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, 5th January, 1858.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 16.

TUESDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—Henry Samuel Chapman, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the Oath, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of St. Kilda.
3. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a letter from John Goodman, Esq., resigning his Seat as Member of the Assembly for the Electoral District of the Murray, and that he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the said District.
4. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk Assistant of the Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council request the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in adopting the following additional Joint Standing Order, viz. :—

“That so much of the Joint Standing Order, No. 9, as requires that five Members shall be present to form a quorum of the Refreshment Rooms Committee, be repealed, and that three Members thereof do henceforth form a quorum.”

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
23rd December, 1857.

5. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the Assembly, were presented as under, viz. :—
 - By Mr. O'Shanassy—From the Catholic Bishop, clergy and laity residing at Melbourne.
 - By Mr. Phelan—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Keilor.
 - By Captain Perry—From the Very Rev. P. B. Geoghegan, D.D., Vicar-General, and the Catholics of Williamstown, &c.
 - By Dr. Evans—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing in Richmond.
 - By Mr. O'Shanassy—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Sandhurst.
 - By Mr. O'Brien—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Creswick's Creek.
 - By Mr. Hughes—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Pentridge.
 - By Mr. Hughes—From the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Epping.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Aspinall presented a Petition from certain owners, occupiers and tillers of land situate on the line of road from Malmsbury to Hepburn, Creswick and Ballarat, praying that the refusal of aid referred to in the Petition be reconsidered, as the Petitioners are prepared to assist in the improvement of the said line of road, which during the winter season is almost impassable.

Petition ordered to lie on the Table.

Dr. Owens presented a Petition from the members of the Local Court of the Mount Ararat Gold Fields, praying the House to take those steps which the House deems best calculated to effect the object of the Petition.

Petition read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Hughes presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Portland, in public meeting assembled, praying that the House would not, in any Bill for changing the constitution of the Legislative Assembly, admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation, but that, in adjusting the proportion of members, due regard should be had to the importance and local circumstances attending the several districts of the Colony, and that in particular the Assembly would not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for the Electoral District of Normanby, Dundas and Follett, including Portland, which now returns four members, and for Villiers and Heytesbury, including Belfast and Warrnambool, which now also returns four members.

Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from certain Teachers of Denominational Schools in Geelong, praying that the statements set forth in the Petition respecting the Public Education Bill might be taken into consideration, and that a law might be enacted embodying the sentiments expressed in the Petition or such of them as to the Assembly might seem fit.

Petition ordered to lie on the Table.

Capt. Clarke presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipal District of Emerald Hill, under the corporate seal of the said municipality, praying the House to take the statements set forth in the Petition respecting the supply of Water to Emerald Hill into consideration, and afford such relief as to the Assembly might seem fit.

Petition read by the Clerk and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Hughes presented a Petition from the Chairman and Council of the Municipal District of Portland, under the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying that the House would not, in any Bill for changing the Constitution of the Legislative Assembly, admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation, but that in adjusting the proportion of members due regard should be had to the importance and local circumstances attending the several districts of the Colony, and that in particular the Assembly would not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for the electoral district of Normanby, Dundas and Follett, including Portland, which now returns four members, and for Villiers and Heytesbury, including Belfast and Warrnambool, which now also returns four members.

Petition ordered to lie on the Table.

6. **ASSESSMENT ON STOCK**—On the motion of Mr. Moore, the Acts 17 Victoria No. 20, and 19 Victoria No. 5, for raising and levying an Assessment on Stock, were read by the Clerk.

Mr. Moore then moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the said Acts, in order to propose the following Rates of Assessment:—

For every 100 sheep the sum of £2 5s.

For every 25 head of cattle or horses, £2 16s. 3d.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. **CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL**.—Mr. Colin Campbell having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to restrain the Careless Use of Fire, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to restrain the Careless Use of Fire,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time, Friday, 8th January instant.

8. **PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL**.—Mr. Michie moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second "time."

Mr. O'Shanassy moved, as an amendment, That the word "now" be omitted, and the words "this day six months" be added, after the word "time."

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the further debate on this subject was adjourned until to-morrow, to take precedence of all other business.

9. **DURATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL**.—Mr. Haines moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY**.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow—

Supply—To be further considered in Committee.

Assembly adjourned at five minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
—
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 17.

WEDNESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Council 18 Victoria No. 37 :—

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| Buninyong, | } | Local Court Regulations. |
| Beechworth, | | |
| Avoca, | | |
| Castlemaine, | | |

Severally ordered to be printed.
Mr. Edden presented :—
McGregor's Case.—Report of the Board appointed to enquire into the defalcations of McGregor, late clerk in the office of the Paymaster of Police, together with Minutes of Evidence, &c.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of St. Kilda, praying the House would reject and disallow any such proviso or condition as the one referred to in the Petition, or so to limit its operation as to prevent the claims of the South Yarra Waterworks Company in question in any way interfering with the rights and privileges of the Municipality of St. Kilda, and that this House would afford such relief to the Petitioners as to the House might seem meet.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. O'Shanassy presented a Petition from the Catholic Clergy and Laity residing at Kilmore, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the Assembly.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Gavan Duffy presented a Petition from the Catholic Clergy and Laity of Geelong, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the Assembly.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Grant presented a Petition from certain Licensed Refreshment Holders resident on the Bendigo Gold Fields, praying that the House would at once pass an Act authorising the sale by the holders of Refreshment Licenses of fermented Malt Beers on the Gold Fields, by which the Petitioners would be released from a mere dependence upon the will of the Police Bench, and placed under the control of an Act similar to the Act now in force in England for the regulation of the sale of "Ale and Porter Licensed to be drunk " on the Premises," or what is commonly called "The Beer Act of 1839."
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Dr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town of Geelong, praying the House would be pleased to take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and grant such relief as the House might deem sufficient.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Grant presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Storekeepers, Tradesmen, Miners and others, resident on the Bendigo Gold Fields, praying that an Act similar to that now in force in England for the regulation of the sale of Beer, or what is known as "The Beer " Act of 1839," be immediately enacted.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Municipal District of Prahran, praying the House to reject the amendment in the second clause of the Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill, and thereby remove a monopoly sought to be obtained over that large and improving district.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Horne presented a Petition from the South Yarra Waterworks Company, under the corporate seal of the said Company, praying that the new powers now sought by the Commissioners by the Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill might not be granted to the said Commissioners, except upon the condition of retaining the proviso as to purchase already added to the second clause of said Bill.
Petition read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Chairman and Councillors of the Municipality of St. Kilda, under the corporate seal of the said Municipality, praying the House would altogether disallow the last proviso now proposed to stand part of section II. of the Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill, or so to alter the same as to exclude the Municipality of St. Kilda entirely from its operation.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly, dated 23rd December, 1857 :—

Stock Returns.—Return shewing the number and description of stock depastured on Crown lands in this province during the last seven years respectively, and the revenue derived therefrom by the State in each year.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the question, That this Bill be “now” read a second “time,” and of the amendment, That the word “now” be omitted, and that the words “this day six months” be added after the word “time,” having been read—

Debate resumed.

Petition presented yesterday by Mr. O’Shanassy from the Catholic Bishop, Clergy, and Laity residing at Melbourne, praying for the rejection of the said Bill, and the

Petition presented yesterday by Captain Perry from the Very Reverend P. B. Geoghegan, D.D., Vicar General, and the Catholics of Williamstown, praying for the rejection of the said Bill, read by the Clerk.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Myles,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. McCulloch, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 11.

Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. O’Brien,
Mr. O’Shanassy,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Hughes,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee Friday, 8th January instant.

6. ADDITIONAL JOINT STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Ebden moved, pursuant to notice, That this House do agree to the alteration proposed by the Legislative Council in the number of the quorum of the Refreshment Rooms Committee, and adopt the proposed rule as an additional Joint Standing Order.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Council informing them thereof.

7. **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' INCREASE BILL.**—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the second reading of the "*Bill to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly and to alter the Electoral Districts,*" be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 7th January instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. **ELECTIONS REGULATION BILL.**—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the second reading of the "*Bill to regulate Parliamentary Elections,*" be made an Order of the Day for Thursday, 7th January instant.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC WORKS**—Mr. Humffray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the Petition presented to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Ballarat, relative to the disparity in the distribution of the Estimates under the Public Works Department, be laid on the Table of the House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **DAYS OF MEETING.**—The resolution adopted by the House on 4th December, to the effect that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business during the present session, having been read, Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That such resolution be rescinded, and that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week be the days on which the Assembly shall meet for the despatch of business, and that four o'clock be the hour of meeting on each day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.**—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, in each week, the Government Business shall take precedence of all business.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
"*Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Third reading,*" until Friday, 8th January instant; and
"*Assessment on Stock—Resolutions—To be considered in Committee,*" and
"*Supply—To be further considered in Committee,*" until to-morrow.
Assembly adjourned at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 18.

THURSDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. O'Brien presented a Petition from the Catholic clergy and laity residing in St. Kilda and Prahran, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the Assembly.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCREASE BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
 4. ELECTIONS REGULATION BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.
 5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 12th January instant :—
“ *Assessment on Stock—Resolutions—To be considered in Committee,*” and
“ *Supply—To be further considered in Committee.*”
- Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 19.

FRIDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Michie presented a Petition from certain Teachers of Public Schools in Melbourne and its vicinity, praying that the Public Education Bill might be passed into law as speedily as a due consideration of its provisions and the forms of this House would permit.
Petition ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Council 18 Victoria No. 37 :—

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| Maldon | } | Local Court Regulations. |
| Fryer's Creek | | |
| Dunolly | | |
| Beechworth | | |

Severally ordered to be printed.
4. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th, Notices of Motion on the Paper for Monday, 11th January instant, be postponed until Friday, 15th January instant.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebdon presented—
Gold.—A Statement of the quantity of Gold sent from Maryborough, Amherst, and Dunolly, respectively, during the six months ending 31st December, 1857.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE GOLD FIELDS.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be made and furnished preliminary surveys, plans, and sections of the principal Gold Fields, for ascertaining and reporting on the feasibility of reservoirs, Artesian wells, and permanent streams as available sources for the adequate supply of water for mining purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. HOURS OF MEETING.—Mr. Haines, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That so much of the resolution agreed to by this House on Wednesday last, as fixed four o'clock as the hour of meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, be rescinded, and that on those days the hour of meeting be seven o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Chapman, the Order for the third reading of "*The Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill*" was read by the Clerk.
Mr. Chapman then moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of "*The Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill*" be discharged; and that the said Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering the proviso in the second section, and other clauses.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Order discharged.
On the motion of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of "*The Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill*."
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 14th January instant.
9. OPIUM DUTY.—Mr. Lalor moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return of the amount of Revenue derived from the imposition of the Duty on Opium since the passing of the Act.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Colin Campbell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time and ordered to be considered in Committee, Tuesday, 12th January instant.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 12th January, 1858:—

“Public Education Bill—To be committed.”

Assembly adjourned at six minutes past eleven o'clock until seven o'clock on Tuesday, 12th January instant.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 20.

TUESDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Rodney, and by the Return endorsed on the Writ it appeared that John Everard, Esq., had been duly elected in pursuance of such Writ.
3. ADJOURNMENT.—Dr. Owens moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to 18 Victoria No. 37 :—
Ballaarat }
Castlemaine } Local Court Regulations.
Creswick }
Severally ordered to be printed.
5. PETITION.—Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Hamilton and its suburbs, praying the Assembly to alter the Clause No. 18 of the schedule of the new Electoral Bill, and, in addition thereto, to fix Hamilton as the centre of a new Electoral District, in order that they might be represented in accordance with the rising requirements of that locality ; and also that the present arrangements, giving a separate member for the county of Dundas and Follett, be continued.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented—
Expenditure on the Mount Alexander Road.—Statement shewing how the misappropriated sum of £34,000 was expended on the Mount Alexander Road—
 - (1.) The specific work done, together with the amount paid for the same.
 - (2.) The date of the contract or contracts.
 - (3.) And the names of the contractors.
 - (4.) On what principle the balance left after the above-mentioned misappropriation had taken place was expended on the particular works to which it was applied.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
7. PETITIONS—The following Petitions, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the House, were presented by—
Mr. Phelan, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Moonee Ponds.
Mr. Smith, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at and near Castlemaine.
Capt. Clarke, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Emerald Hill.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Wilkie presented a Petition from certain Electors of the District of West Bourke, praying the Assembly to amend that part of the Schedule of the Assembly Members Increase Bill which refers to the incorporation of West Bourke with the District of East Bourke.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 19th January instant :—
“ *Assessment on Stock—Resolutions—To be considered in Committee.* ”
9. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of the Estimates in Committee of Supply having been read—Mr. Ebden moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of Supply accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also reported that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

10. MELBOURNE SEWERAGE AND WATER SUPPLY.—Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return of Expenditure by the Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply on the Waterworks for the City of Melbourne, distinguishing the temporary from the permanent works.

Also, the amount expended by the Survey Department on the various surveys required for these works.

Also, the amount expended by the Road Department in connection with these works.

Also, the various sums advanced by the Government in respect to these works, and the amount still due on this account.

Also, the various sums received by the Commissioners on Debentures and other Securities, and the amount now owing, and the total amount paid for interest on the same.

Also, the amount received by the Commissioners from companies and private individuals.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. GOLD.—Mr. Aspinall moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return of the quantity of gold sent from Maryborough, Amherst, and Dunolly respectively, during the year 1857.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE GOLD FIELDS.—On the motion of Dr. Owens, the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be made and furnished preliminary surveys, plans, and sections of the principal Gold Fields, for ascertaining and reporting on the feasibility of reservoirs, Artesian wells, and permanent streams as available sources for the adequate supply of water for mining purposes.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a resolution—

Ordered—That the said resolution be received to-morrow.

13. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 19th January instant :—

“ Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be committed.”

“ Public Education Bill—To be committed.”

Assembly adjourned at ten minutes to eleven o'clock until seven o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 21.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and having at half-past seven o'clock counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, adjourned the House until to-morrow at seven o'clock.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 22.

THURSDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and having at half-past seven o'clock counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, adjourned the House until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 23.

FRIDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and having at half-past four o'clock counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, adjourned the House until Tuesday next at four o'clock.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 24.

TUESDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. NEW MEMBER.—John Everard, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the Oath, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Rodney.
3. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of the Murray, and it appeared by such Return that William Forlonge, Esq., had been duly elected member in pursuance thereof.
4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Branhholme and its neighborhood, in the Electoral District of Normanby, praying the House would not, in any Bill for changing the constitution of the Legislative Assembly, admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation, but that, in adjusting the proportion of members, due regard should be had to the importance and local circumstances attending the several districts of the Colony; and that, in particular, this House would not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for the Electoral District of Normanby, Dundas, and Follett, including Portland, which now returns four members, and for Villiers and Heytesbury, including Belfast and Warrnambool, which now also returns four members.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Adamson presented a Petition from certain residents on the River Ovens, carrying on business at Wangaratta and in the vicinity, praying the House to take such measures to bring into effect a matter of so great public utility as the navigation of the River Ovens as to the House might seem meet.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. John Johnson presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Gipps Land, praying that the District of Gipps Land, including Omeo, might be constituted a distinct Electoral District, returning as heretofore two Members to the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Petitions, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by the House, were presented as under, viz. :—

By Mr. O'Brien, from the Catholic clergyman and laity residing on the Ararat Gold Field.

By Mr. Smith, from the Catholic laity residing at and near Maryborough.

By Mr. O'Brien, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Wangaratta.

By Mr. O'Brien, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at Benalla, Wangaratta, and Tarrawingee.

By Mr. Gavan Duffy, from the Catholic clergy and laity residing at and near Belfast.

By Mr. Gavan Duffy, from certain teachers and assistant teachers in Catholic schools in and near Geelong.

By Mr. O'Brien, from the Catholic laity residing at and near Carisbrook.

Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the parishes of Cut-paw-paw, Derrimut, Pywheitjorrk, and Mooradoranook, praying the House to cause such steps to be taken by the proper department of the Government as would remedy the evils set forth in the Petition, and for such other relief as to the House might seem meet, in order to ensure the speedy formation of the road from Melbourne to Ballaarat.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Brooke presented a Petition from certain members of the Provisional Committee of the Geelong Gas Company, praying that the Standing Rules and Orders of this House on Private Bills might be suspended or dispensed with, for the purpose of enabling the petitioners to introduce a Bill for their incorporation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Census of Victoria for 1857.—Population Tables No. I.
Occupations of the People.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Haines also presented—

Chinese Interpreters.—Copy Despatch and Enclosures from the acting Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong, relative to obtaining competent European Interpreters of the Chinese language.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ebdon presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Immigration.—Report of the Immigration Agent upon Colonial Emigration and Immigration for the year 1856.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Moore presented—

Estimates for Public Works.—Return to an Address from the Assembly, dated 6th January instant, for the Petition presented to His Excellency from the Inhabitants of Ballaarat, relative to the disparity in the distribution of the Estimates under the Public Works Department.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Public Works—Ballaarat District.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 21st December last, for a Return of the amount voted for Public Works and Buildings in the Ballaarat District; and also a Return of the amount expended on such works during 1857.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Moore also presented—

Supernumerary Officers—Public Works.—Return No. 5 of Supernumerary Professional Officers, Public Works Department.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, presented the Second and Third Reports from this Committee.
Severally ordered to be printed.

7. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebdon presented—

Mechanics' Institutions.—Statement shewing the several Grants made in each year to Mechanics' Institutions since 1852 inclusive, and shewing also the amounts paid out of such Grants.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Moore presented—

Barwon Bridge, Geelong.—Statement shewing the cost of construction of the Barwon Bridge at Geelong, and of the Church street Bridge at Richmond, respectively.

Unemployed.—Statement shewing the manner in which £25,000, recently voted for the employment of the "Unemployed," together with a statement of all or any contracts and arrangements made for the disbursement of the same.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

8. REFORM BILLS.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the "Assembly Members Increase Bill," the "Elections Regulations Bill," and the "Duration of Assembly Bill," be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Ebdon, Dr. Evans, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Horne, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Langlands, Mr. O'Shanassy, and the Mover; five to form a quorum.

Debate ensued.

Six members of the Assembly having required that the Committee should be formed by ballot—

Question—That the "Assembly Members Increase Bill," the "Elections Regulations Bill," and the "Duration of Assembly Bill," be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of twelve members, five to form a quorum—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Assembly then proceeded to the ballot, and Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Adamson and Mr. Brooke to be scrutineers.

The scrutineers, with the clerk, having reported that the following Members, viz., Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Haines, Mr. Ebdon, Mr. Colin Campbell, Capt. Clarke, Mr. Heales, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Evans, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Humfray, Mr. Service, Mr. Adamson, and Mr. Chapman had the greatest number of votes, but that the two last named gentlemen had an equal number of votes, Mr. Speaker declared Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Haines, Mr. Ebdon, Mr. C. Campbell, Capt. Clarke, Mr. Heales, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Evans, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Humfray, Mr. Service, and Mr. Adamson to be members of the Committee.

9. ASSESSMENT ON STOCK.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole Assembly of the Acts 17 Vict. No. 20, and 19 Vict. No. 5, for raising and levying an Assessment on Stock, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee that they had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the said Report be received to-morrow.

10. SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read as follow:—

12th January.

- (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and four thousand three hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the Establishment of Survey, Sale and Management of Public Lands for the year 1858.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Survey, Sale and Management of Public Lands for the year 1858.
- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand three hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Establishment of Roads and Bridges for the year 1858.
- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and forty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Roads and Bridges for the year 1858.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Establishment of Works and Buildings for the year 1858.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and thirty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Works and Buildings for the year 1858.

On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly adopted the above resolutions.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“*Supply—To be further considered in Committee.*”

12. CALL OF THE HOUSE.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That on Friday, 29th instant, the House be called.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. FORMATION AND REPAIRS OF ROADS.—Mr. Heales moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House, feeling confident that the policy pursued by the Board of Land and Works, with reference to the formation and repairs of the roads of this Colony, is neither a politic nor an economic one, is of opinion that the country would be materially advantaged if the following alterations were made:—

- (1.) That the present practice of employing and contracting for day laborers, and of receiving separate tenders for metal and spreading, be discontinued.
- (2.) That such portions of main lines of road as lie within municipal boundaries and road districts be placed, where practicable, under the superintendence of the municipal authorities and the District Road Board; and that the Board of Land and Works furnish them their fair quota of the money granted for making and keeping main lines of road in repair, on receiving a certificate that the money has been spent on the portions of the road for which it was voted.
- (3.) That where Road Boards and Municipalities have not been formed, and where Committees approved by the Board of Land and Works would undertake the superintendence of portions of the main lines of road, such portions be placed under the supervision of Committees.

Question—That the present practice of employing and contracting for day laborers, and of receiving separate tenders for metal and spreading, be discontinued—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That such portions of main lines of road as lie within municipal boundaries and road districts be placed, where practicable, under the superintendence of the municipal authorities and the District Road Board; and that the Board of Land and Works furnish them their fair quota of the money granted for making and keeping main lines of road in repair, on receiving a certificate that the money has been spent on the portions of the road for which it was voted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That where Road Boards and Municipalities have not been formed, and where Committees, approved by the Board of Land and Works, would undertake the superintendence of portions of the main lines of road, such portions be placed under the supervision of Committees—put and negatived.

14. MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Hancock having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Act, brought up a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act for the establishment of ‘Municipal Institutions in Victoria,’*” and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 26th January instant.

15. MR. J. P. MAIN.—Mr. Heales moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates the sum of £255 as compensation to Mr. J. P. Main, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly laid on the Table of this House during last Session.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. MR. J. A. PORTER.—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee, consisting of Dr. Evans, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Aspinall, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Heales, Mr. Service, and Mr. Fellows, be appointed to enquire into the charges and imputations preferred by the Honorable the Attorney General against Mr. John A. Porter, the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, in his statements made before the Committee of Supply of this House, and for the production of all documents referred to by the Honorable the Attorney General in his speeches on that occasion; three to form a quorum.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. SUPPLY OF WATER TO THE GOLD FIELDS.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to by the House, and is as follows :—

12th January.

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be made and furnished preliminary surveys, plans, and sections of the principal Gold Fields, for ascertaining and reporting on the feasibility of reservoirs, Artesian wells, and permanent streams, as available sources for the adequate supply of water for mining purposes.

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

“Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee,” until Tuesday, 26th January instant, to take precedence of all business on that day.

“Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be committed,” until to-morrow; and *“Public Education Bill—To be committed,”* until Friday, 22nd January instant, to take precedence of all business on that day.

Assembly adjourned at eleven minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 25.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Capt. Perry presented a Petition from certain Electors of Williamstown, praying the House, on consideration of the statements set forth in the Petition, to take such measures as might be deemed expedient for securing to the Petitioners at least a continuance of the political advantages they now enjoy.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. ASSESSMENT ON STOCK.—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole certain Resolutions, which were read and agreed to by the Assembly and are as follow :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of the Committee, the following annual rates of Assessment on Stock be levied, viz. :—
 - Nine pence per head on every sheep.
 - Three shillings on every head of horned cattle; and
 - Six shillings per head on every horse.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in to carry out the above Resolutions.
 4. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day being read for the Committee of Supply—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, pursuant to notice, That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1858 an additional sum of One hundred thousand pounds, to be added to the amount for Roads and Bridges, and that the whole sum be redistributed on the Estimates.
Debate ensued.
Question—That it be an instruction to the Committee to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1858 an additional sum of One hundred thousand pounds, to be added to the amount for Roads and Bridges—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the whole sum be redistributed on the Estimates, by leave withdrawn.
On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. Aspinall also reported that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.
 5. SUPPLY OF ACTS OF PARLIAMENT TO MEMBERS.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the several Members of the Parliament of Victoria be provided with bound copies of the Acts of Parliament of the last Session.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
 - “ Mr. J. P. Main.—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee.”
 - “ Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be committed.”
- Assembly adjourned at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 26.

THURSDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and having at half-past four o'clock counted the House, and a quorum of Members not being present, adjourned the House until to-morrow at four o'clock.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 27.

FRIDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by this House, were presented as under, viz. :—
 - By Mr. O'Shanassy, from the teachers and assistant teachers in the Catholic schools in and near Melbourne.
 - By Mr. O'Shanassy, from the teachers of R. Catholic schools near Melbourne.
 - By Mr. Gavan Duffy, from the Catholic clergy and laity of Ballaarat.Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- Dr. Evans presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Alberton and its neighborhood, praying, in the event of a vote of a sum of money for a Court House and other buildings in Gipps Land, that such Court House and buildings be built at Alberton.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Chapman presented a Memorial from De Burgh Darcy, Gentleman, of '88, Chancery-lane, Melbourne, but formerly a Sub-Inspector of Police in the said Colony, praying the House to take the memorialist's case under the consideration of this House, and grant the memorialist a Select Committee of this House to enquire into the merits of the memorial.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- Captain Clarke presented a Petition from Robert Anderson, styling himself chairman of a public meeting of the electors and ratepayers of the division of Emerald Hill, in the Electoral District of South Melbourne, praying the House to revise the Schedule to the Bill now under consideration for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and alter the electoral districts in such a manner as to secure a fair distribution of such increased representation, and to provide against South Melbourne being joined in one Electoral District with Williamstown.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Brooke presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Heywood and its neighborhood, in the Electoral District of Normanby, and also a Petition from the inhabitants of Digby and Merino, and others in the Electoral District of Normanby, severally praying that the House would not, in any Bill for changing the constitution of the Legislative Assembly, admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation; but that in adjusting the proportion of members due regard should be had to the importance and local circumstances attending the several districts of the Colony; and that in particular this House would not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for the Electoral District of Normanby, Dundas, and Follett, including Portland, which now returns four members, and for Villiers and Heytesbury, including Belfast and Warrnambool, which now also returns four members.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- Dr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the town and suburbs of Geelong, praying the House to recommend that steps be taken by the Government to carry out the measures contemplated by the Acts 18 Victoria No. 26 and 40.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Parliament, 21 Victoria No. 32—Gold Fields Act.—Orders in Council.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Michie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 28th January instant.

5. LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the state of the Lunatic Asylum and the proposed new site, and to report thereon to this House, with power to take evidence and send for persons and papers, such Committee to consist of the following members, viz. :—Capt. Clarke, Mr. Aspinall, Dr. Embling, Dr. Findlay, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Horne, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Michie, Mr. Moore, Mr. Smith, Dr. Owens, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. PRINTING REPORT.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That so much of the First Report from the Printing Committee as recommends that the several returns and petitions in the custody of the Librarian, at the termination of every Session of Parliament, be re-delivered by him to the Clerk of the Assembly, to be kept by such clerk with the other original documents of the Assembly—and as recommends that the Clerk of the Assembly be authorized and directed to deliver to each Member of the Legislature (being such at the time of the prorogation of the Parliament) a bound copy of the *Votes and Proceedings* and printed papers of the Session, and also to the representatives of such foreign states as may require them—be now adopted by the Assembly.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. MEDICAL PROFESSION REGULATION BILL.—Dr. Embling moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill for the better regulation of the Professions of Medicine and Surgery in the Colony of Victoria.*"
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
8. DURATION OF SESSION.—Mr. Adamson moved, pursuant to notice, That inasmuch as this House has virtually been in continued session since the time of its first assembling in November, 1856, it is expedient that the Estimates be at once proceeded with, and brought to a conclusion, and that a recess of at least four months should follow.
Question—put and negatived.
9. MELBOURNE, MERTON, AND MANSFIELD ROAD.—Mr. Adamson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House any Correspondence which has taken place relative to the communication between Melbourne and Merton and Mansfield.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented—
Melbourne, Merton, and Mansfield Road.—Return to the above order.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
- 11.—SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions which were read as follow :—
- 20th January.
- (1.) Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1858 an additional sum of One hundred thousand pounds to be added to the amount for Roads and Bridges.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding eighty-eight thousand and three hundred pounds and one shilling be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Roads and Bridges in the Melbourne and Gisborne Districts as hereafter mentioned, being—
Five thousand pounds for a Bridge over the Falls and Approaches to the same.
Ten thousand pounds for improvements on the Dandenong Road, from boundary of Prahran Municipality to Dandenong, &c.
Ten thousand pounds towards erecting a Bridge over the Yarra at Heidelberg, and over the Plenty at Greensborough.
Five thousand pounds for clearing and improving the Point Nepean Road.
Fifteen thousand pounds for completing Hawthorn Bridge and Approaches to the same.
Two thousand pounds for extension of Road to Camberwell.
Three thousand and five hundred pounds for Bridge and Approaches at Darebin Creek, on road from Heidelberg to Essendon.
Two thousand and five hundred pounds for improvements upon Snapper Point Road to give access to the new jetties.
Ten thousand pounds for further improvements on the Upper Plenty Road and connecting the same with Epping.
Four thousand and five hundred pounds for building Bridges, clearing Earthwork, Drains, &c., on the Western Port Road.
Eight thousand pounds for metalling Approaches to Johnston-street Bridge, and completing the Road from the bridge to Kew.
One thousand and eight hundred pounds for metalling Approaches to Glenferry Bridge over Gardiner's Creek.
One thousand pounds for improvements between the Deep and Jumping Creeks, on the Anderson's Creek Road.
Five thousand pounds for improvements in various parts of Melbourne and Ballarat Road.
Five thousand pounds for continuation of made Road to Deep Creek and Broad-meadows.

On the motion of Mr. Ebden, the Assembly ordered that the words "and one shilling," in the second line of the second resolution, be omitted; and
 On the further motion of Mr. Ebden, the Assembly agreed to the above resolutions as so amended.

Mr. Aspinall also reported from the Committee of Supply the following resolution :—
 One shilling for building a Bridge and other improvements on road from Moonee Ponds to Brunswick.

On the motion of Mr. Ebden, the Assembly disagreed to this resolution.

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

"*Supply—To be further considered in Committee,*" until Tuesday, 26th January instant; and

"*Mr. J. P. Main—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*" and
 "*Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be committed,*" until Friday, 29th instant.

Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 28.

TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING REPORT.—Mr. Horne, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—
Surveyors—Return of the Field Works, sent in by the surveyors and assistant surveyors during the year 1857, shewing the quantity of town, suburban and country lands marked for sale; also the surveys of reserves and sites for public purposes, surveys of roads and lines of electric telegraph, topographical surveys, municipal surveys, and engineering surveys.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Belfast and Warrnambool, and of the District immediately adjoining, merchants, tradesmen, farmers, graziers, and others, praying the House would order that such steps might be taken as to this House might seem fit that the sum of money (£20,000) which it is proposed to be voted for a road, described in the Estimates as a “Road from Ararat to the South-western Seaboard,” might be expended where it is in reality required, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference of the Municipalities and District Road Boards of Belfast and Warrnambool, which recommendation was forwarded to the Honorable the President of the Board of Land or Works on or about the 9th October last.
Petition read and ordered to lie on the Table.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled “*An Act to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office*” without any amendment.
(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Melbourne, 26th January, 1858.
6. NEW MEMBER.—Mr. Forlonge having been introduced and having taken the Oath, took his seat as Member of the Assembly for the Electoral District of the Murray.
7. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further re-consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Assembly 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.
8. REFORM BILLS.—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Haines, that leave be granted to bring up a Progress Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Reform Bills.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. REFORM BILLS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Moore, on behalf of Mr. Haines, Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from this Committee.
Report read and ordered to be printed.
10. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

11. SOUTH MELBOURNE PETITION.—Mr. Service moved, pursuant to notice given by Captain Clarke, That the Petition from Mr. Anderson, signed on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Electors and Ratepayers of South Melbourne, against the proposed Schedule in the Increase of Assembly Members Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Reform Bills.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. BACCHUS MARSH PETITION.—Mr Wilkie moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th January, from the Inhabitants of Bacchus Marsh, against the joining of East and West Bourke into one Electoral District, as proposed by the Government, be referred to the Reform Bills Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. WILLIAMSTOWN PETITION.—Capt. Perry moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Williamstown, against the clause of the Members Increase Bill which proposes to annex Williamstown to South Melbourne, be referred to the Committee now considering that Bill.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 5th day of February next:—

“Municipal Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.”

Assembly adjourned at twenty-three minutes past 11 o'clock, until 4 o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 29.

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

2. A MESSAGE BY THE USHER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Governor desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been at the Legislative Council, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bill, viz. :—

“ An Act to assimilate and simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.”

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Everard presented a Petition from J. R. Gibson, styling himself Chairman of a public meeting held in the Eastern Market, Melbourne, praying that this House would proceed without delay or intermission with the Parliamentary Reform Bills now before your House, and not impose upon the People of this Colony a new principle of representation of minorities calculated to deprive them of the benefits of that Manhood Suffrage recently conceded, and the distribution of Electoral Districts now proposed to be conceded; that this House will not open up new subjects of discussion likely to lead to renewed differences of opinion between sects and classes, but will refer all such to the leisurely consideration of a Reformed Parliament; that this House will introduce into some one of the present Reform Bills a clause providing for the payment of Members of Parliament; that this House will abolish the present obstructive system of registration, and limit the duration of Parliament to two years.

Petition—read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Aspinall presented a Petition from Messrs. A. Britton and Co., general printers and proprietors of the *Miner's Right* newspaper, praying that in the absence of any known reason to account for the undue preference shewn in the matter set forth in the Petition, this House would institute some enquiry into the cause of the occurrence.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. REFORM BILLS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines, Chairman, brought up a Report from this Committee.

Report read by the Clerk, and ordered to be printed.

5. DURATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That the Bill for shortening the duration of the Legislative Assembly be committed on Thursday, 28th January instant.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the second Order for to-day :—

“ Supply—Resolutions in Committee.—To be reported.”

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

8. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read as follow :—

26th January.

(1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense, for the year 1858, of Roads and Bridges in the Castlemaine District as hereinafter mentioned, being :—

Two thousand and two hundred pounds for completion of Forest-street.

One thousand pounds for new bridge over Campbell's Creek, to replace Sheriff's Bridge.

Two thousand pounds for improvements on the road between Castlemaine and Ballaarat.

Two thousand pounds for improving the road from Castlemaine to Tarrengower.
 One thousand and eight hundred pounds for road through Fryer's Town ; and
 One thousand pounds for bridge and approaches over Axe Creek at Axedale, on the road from Sandhurst to Heathcote.

- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, for Roads and Bridges in the Geelong and Western District, as hereinafter mentioned, being :—

Ten thousand pounds for construction of approaches to Geelong beyond the contemplated municipal boundary.

Twenty thousand pounds towards completion of the road from Geelong to Ballaarat.

Three thousand pounds for building new bridge at Batesford, fencing and repairing, &c., at Shelford, Rokewood, Skipton, and Nalangil Creek, on Upper Western Road.

Four thousand pounds for repair of Lower Western Road, between Geelong and Camperdown.

Seven thousand and five hundred pounds for improvements upon Colac Road, between Modewarre and Colac.

One thousand pounds for approaches to the Gold Fields at Steiglitz.

Two thousand pounds for extending the road from Colac to Camperdown one thousand lineal yards at Denis' Ford ; and

Three thousand and five hundred pounds for bridge over the Moorabool River at the mill.

- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Roads and Bridges in the Ballaarat District, as hereinafter mentioned, being :—

One thousand pounds to construct two culverts and twenty chains of the Sebastopol road.

Three thousand and five hundred pounds for clearing eight miles of the Maryborough roads, building four culverts and making forty chains of road between Maryborough and Amherst.

Three thousand and five hundred pounds for general improvements on Maryborough Roads.

Five thousand and five hundred pounds for clearing nine miles of road, building culverts and making one mile of road between Carisbrook and Bet Bet.

Four thousand and two hundred pounds for clearing four miles, building culverts, and making sixty chains of road between Bet Bet and Avoca.

Two thousand pounds for building a bridge on the Avoca.

Six thousand and eight hundred pounds for making improvements along the line of road from Ballaarat to Raglan.

Three thousand pounds for improving the road between Ballaarat and Creswick.

Three thousand pounds for improving the road between Creswick and Bullarook ; and

Eight thousand and three hundred pounds for new channel for drainage of the Flat at Ballaarat.

- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-five thousand and six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Roads and Bridges in the Ararat District, as hereinafter mentioned, being :—

Six thousand pounds for improving the road from Mount Cole to Ararat.

Five thousand pounds for improving the road from Mount Ararat to Raglan.

Four thousand and six hundred pounds for building one bridge and six culverts, and making one mile of road from Ararat to Pleasant Creek ; and

Twenty thousand pounds towards opening roads from Ararat to south-western seaboard.

- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand and five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Roads and Bridges in the Kilmore District, as hereinafter mentioned, being :—

Two thousand pounds for improving portions of the Main Sydney Road.

Four thousand and four hundred pounds for making one mile of road from the 39th mile post.

Three thousand five hundred and twenty pounds for making one mile of road at Seymour.

Two thousand pounds for clearing the road in various places.

Four thousand pounds for building a new bridge at Avenel, and making about half-a-mile of road.

Six hundred pounds for building a bridge over the Four Mile Creek at Longwood.

Four hundred pounds for building a bridge over Faithful's Creek, at Euroa.

Three thousand five hundred and twenty pounds for making one mile of road a Euroa.

Three thousand nine hundred and sixty pounds for making one mile of road at Benalla.

One thousand and two hundred pounds for constructing eight large culverts between Violet Town and Benalla.

Four hundred and fifty pounds for building three bridges over King Parrot Creek.

- Four hundred and fifty pounds for building a Bridge over a branch of the Broken River, near Benalla, and
Two thousand pounds for improvements on the road from Kilmore to Heathcote.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, for Roads and Bridges in the Ovens District, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Four thousand pounds for clearing, draining, constructing culverts, &c., in various places on the road from Benalla to Wangaratta.
Seven thousand pounds for improving the road at Wooragay and other places, between Wangaratta and Beechworth, and through Beechworth; and
Two thousand pounds for effecting various improvements on the road from Beechworth to Yackandandah.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of the Roads and Bridges in the Gippsland District, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Five thousand pounds for logging and improving the Main Central Road between Port Albert and Bruthen Creek Bridge.
Two thousand pounds for clearing the road between Bruthen Creek Bridge and the Sale Morass.
Two thousand and five hundred pounds for building a bridge over the Avon River at Stratford.
One thousand and five hundred pounds for logging and improving portions of the road from Alberton to Port Albert.
One thousand and one hundred pounds for building a bridge over the Morewell River, on the Melbourne Road.
Three hundred and fifty pounds for building two bridges in the Fern Tree Gullies.
Two hundred and fifty pounds for building a bridge over the Taralgon Creek.
Four hundred pounds for building a bridge over the Bruthen Creek at Bruthen.
Two hundred and fifty pounds for making approaches to Merriman's Creek bridge, near Merton; and
Six hundred pounds for building a bridge over the Nicholson River, on the Omeo Road.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seventy-five thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty in aid of District Road Boards for the year 1858, to be distributed in fixed proportion to sums raised by local assessment, toll, or subscription.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seventy-five thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty for the maintenance of Roads generally, and in aid of local subscriptions for the year 1858.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty for the year 1858, to defray the expense of unforeseen requirements in reference to Roads and Bridges.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-four thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858 of Buildings, &c., in Melbourne, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Thirty thousand pounds towards the completion of the Houses of Parliament.
Sixty thousand pounds towards the erection of Public Offices.
Eight thousand and eight hundred pounds for balance of a contract for Bricks at new Lunatic Asylum.
Five thousand pounds towards the completion of the new Custom House.
Twenty thousand pounds towards the completion of the Public Library; and
One thousand pounds for erection of two lodges in the South Park.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of Wharves and Jetties, &c., for the year 1858, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Five thousand pounds for repairs and additions to the wharves, sheds, and approaches to the Wharves, Melbourne.
Three thousand pounds for extension of and repairs to Wharves and Jetties at Williamstown.
Two thousand pounds for repairs to Wharves, Jetties, and approaches, Geelong.
One thousand pounds for the erection of Customs Gauging Sheds; and
One thousand pounds for erection of a Jetty at Port Arlington.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858 of Marine and River Works, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Twenty thousand pounds for maintenance of Steam Dredges for improving the navigation of the River Yarra and the Geelong Harbor.
One thousand pounds for the removal of Wrecks and Obstructions in Port Phillip; and
One thousand pounds for clearing the Ovens River.

On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly agreed to the above resolutions.

9. PENAL DEPARTMENT.—Mr. Heales moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1858 the sum of £5350 12s. 6d., for the purpose of increasing the Salaries of the following Officers in the Penal Department, under item No. 26, page 24 of the Estimates for the year 1858 :—

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|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|---|
| (1.) | 124 Warders, increase 2s. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | £4,526 | 0 | 0 |
| (2.) | 8 Overseers, „ £70 per annum | ... | ... | ... | ... | 560 | 0 | 0 |
| (3.) | 11 Corporals, „ 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 | 7 | 6 |
| (4.) | 6 Sergeants, „ 1s. 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | 164 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | | | | | | £5,350 | 12 | 6 |

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. GRANTS TO MELBOURNE AND GEELONG.—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of £25,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, in aid of the Funds of the Melbourne Corporation; and the sum of £10,000 in aid of the Corporation of Geelong.

Debate ensued.

Notice having been taken that there was not a quorum of members present, Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of members not being present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. **Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.**—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. **PETITION.**—Mr. O'Brien presented a Petition from the Catholic Laity of Nunawading and Hawthorn, praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by this House.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. **REFORM BILLS COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, "That" the Select Committee to which the Reform Bills have been referred be discharged from further attendance.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Griffith moved, as an amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert instead thereof "the Report on the Reform Bills brought up by the Chief Secretary, 27th January instant, be referred back to the Select Committee."
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question—That the Select Committee to which the Reform Bills have been referred be discharged from further attendance—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. **DURATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Haines, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Assembly adopted the same, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
- 5.—**SUPPLY.—ESTIMATES FOR 1858.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read as follow :—
27th January.
 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand and six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of erecting Buildings on the Gold Fields, as hereinafter mentioned :—being
 - Four hundred pounds for erection of Warden's office at Buninyong.
 - Four hundred pounds for erection of Warden's office at Pleasant Creek.
 - Four hundred pounds for erection of Warden's office at Yackandandah.
 - Four hundred pounds for erection of office for Chinese Protector at Beechworth ;
and
 - Five thousand pounds, for other Public Buildings on the Gold Fields.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of the erection and repair of Police Buildings (including lock-ups, stables, hay sheds, &c.) throughout the Colony.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand and five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858, of Gaols and Gaol Buildings as hereinafter mentioned, being—
 - Thirty thousand pounds to complete the second wing of the gaol, Melbourne.
 - Fifteen thousand pounds for the erection of a gaol at Sandhurst
 - Fifteen thousand pounds for the erection of a gaol at Beechworth, and
 - Five hundred pounds for drainage of Gaol at Portland.
 - (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifty-two thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858, of Penal Establishments, being :—
 - Fifty thousand pounds for the erection of new buildings, panopticon, separate cells, &c., and repairs to existing buildings ; and
 - Two thousand pounds for cables, moorings, buoys, &c., and repairs to Penal Hulks.
 - (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand nine hundred and fifty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of erecting Court Houses for holding Courts of Circuit and General Sessions, County Courts, Courts of Mines, and Courts of Petty Sessions, as hereinafter mentioned, being :—
 - Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Ararat.
 - Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Bacchus Marsh.
 - Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Buninyong.
 - Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Carisbrook.

- Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Colac.
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Dunolly.
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Gisborne.
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Maryborough.
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Pleasant Creek.
 Three thousand pounds for a Court House at Palmerston (including a Receipt and Pay Office of the Treasury, Survey, and Road Offices).
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Wangaratta.
 Two thousand pounds for a Court House at Waranga; and
 Two thousand pounds for the completion of the Court House at Sandhurst and Castlemaine.
- One thousand pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Ballarat East.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Benalla.
 One thousand pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Brunswick.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Buckland.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Camperdown.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Caramut.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Eagle Hawk.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Emerald Hill.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Epsom.
 Four hundred and fifty-five pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Keilor.
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings, for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Korong.
 One thousand pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Sandhurst; and
 Five hundred pounds for the erection of a Court House, including fittings for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at Woolshed.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of erecting Gold Offices as hereinafter mentioned, being :—
 Four hundred and fifty pounds for a Gold Office at Avoca.
 Five hundred pounds for a Gold Office at Pleasant Creek; and
 Two thousand pounds for Gold Offices at various places.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858, of erecting new Military Barracks at Melbourne.
- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and four hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of the erection of Survey Offices as hereinafter mentioned, being :—
 Four hundred and fifty pounds for a Survey Office at Ararat.
 Four hundred and fifty pounds for a Survey Office at Maryborough.
 Two thousand pounds for a Survey Office at Sandhurst; and
 Five hundred pounds for a Survey Office at Warrnambool.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand and five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of erecting Lighthouses as hereinafter mentioned, being :—
 Two thousand pounds for a Lighthouse at Belfast.
 Three thousand and five hundred pounds for a Lighthouse at Port Albert.
 Two thousand pounds for a Lighthouse at Portland.
 Four thousand pounds for two Lighthouses at Warrnambool; and
 Four thousand pounds for an iron Lighthouse at Swan Spit, in lieu of the Lightship.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand and two hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Electric Telegraphs, as hereinafter mentioned, being—
 Five thousand pounds for constructing a line from Geelong to Cape Otway.
 One thousand and five hundred pounds for the extension of line from Portland to Mount Gambier.
 Fifteen thousand pounds for extension of main lines of telegraph.
 Four thousand pounds for constructing new stations and repairs to stations on existing lines; and
 Seven hundred pounds for the purchase of instruments and batteries.

- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Post Office buildings, as hereinafter mentioned, being—
- Twenty-five thousand pounds towards the erection of a new Post Office, Melbourne.
 - One thousand and five hundred pounds for completion of Post Offices (fencing, &c.) Ballarat, Beechworth, Castlemaine, and Sandhurst.
 - One thousand and five hundred pounds for fittings for country Post Offices; and
 - Two thousand pounds for the erection of additional Post Offices.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand three hundred and forty-six pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the miscellaneous expenses for the year 1858 of the department of Works and Buildings, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Two thousand pounds for laying on water and gas to Public Offices and Buildings.
 - Five hundred pounds for erecting Tide Gauge Houses at various places.
 - One thousand and eight hundred pounds for fittings for existing Court Houses of Petty Sessions.
 - Two thousand pounds for erecting an establishment for testing the strength and quality of building materials, &c.
 - One thousand pounds to complete Immigration Depot, Port Albert.
 - One thousand pounds for enclosing, railing and wall, drainage, &c., Custom House, Geelong.
 - Five hundred pounds for additional Sheds at the Marine Yard, Williamstown.
 - Five hundred pounds for erection of Boat Houses for life boats.
 - Three hundred pounds for purchase of Mortars and Apparatus, &c.
 - Three thousand pounds for completing a Drain at Reilly-street, Collingwood.
 - Three hundred pounds for purchase of Drags, Life Buoys, &c., for various places.
 - One hundred and forty-six pounds for Keeper of Exhibition Building.
 - Three hundred pounds for erecting two new Flagstuffs; and
 - Five thousand pounds for other Public Works and Buildings.
- (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand one hundred and sixty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of additions and repairs to Works and Buildings, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Six thousand pounds for additions and repairs to Public Buildings, Melbourne District.
 - Five thousand pounds for additions and repairs to Public Buildings in other districts.
 - Eight hundred pounds for additions, fencing, &c., to the Court House, Ballarat.
 - Five thousand pounds for repairs to old buildings and fittings to new buildings at Sanitary Station.
 - Two hundred pounds for repairs, &c., to Block Ship.
 - One hundred pounds for repairs, &c., to schooner *Maggie*.
 - One hundred pounds for repairs, &c., to schooner *Apollo*.
 - Five thousand pounds for repairs and additions to Lighthouses and lighthouse buildings, including lightning conductors.
 - Eight hundred pounds for repairs to Lightships; and
 - One hundred and sixty pounds for repairs to Flagstuffs.
- (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of Fences and repairs to Fences, as hereinafter mentioned, being:—
- Three thousand pounds for fencing Public Lands and Buildings.
 - Two thousand pounds for fencing Police and other Reserves; and
 - Seven thousand pounds for fencing and improving Public Parks and Lands.
- (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expenses for the year 1858, of rents and furniture in the Department of Works and Buildings as hereinafter mentioned, being—
- Ten thousand pounds for furniture of Public Offices; and
 - Twenty-three thousand pounds for rents of Public Offices and Buildings.
- (16.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and fifty-six pounds and five shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages in the establishment of the Commissioner of Railways for the year 1858.
- (17.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifteen pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of the Commissioner of Railways for the year 1858.
- (18.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand five hundred and twenty-one pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages in the establishment of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways for the year 1858.
- (19.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand one hundred and fifty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways for the year 1858.
- (20.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries in the Establishment for the Aborigines for the year 1858.
- (21.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the Establishment for the Aborigines for the year 1858.

- (22.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the miscellaneous services in the department of the Board of Land Works for the year 1858, as hereinafter set forth, being:—
- Two thousand pounds to carry out the provisions of the Act 17 Vict. No. 12, formation of Cemeteries.
 - Two thousand pounds to carry out the provisions of the Act 19 Vict. No. 14, Thistle Prevention.
 - Two thousand pounds compensation to Mr. Henry Matson; and
 - Two thousand pounds for the purchase of a piece of land at the shipping point, Port Albert.
- (23.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifty-nine thousand four hundred and sixty-two pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages in the office of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs for the year 1858.
- (24.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand five hundred and seventy pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the office of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs, for the year 1858.
- (25.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixteen thousand four hundred and eleven pounds and fourteen shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the establishment of Ports and Harbors for the year 1858.
- (26.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of Ports and Harbors for the year 1858.
- (27.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand and twenty-five pounds sixteen shillings and eightpence be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages in the establishment of Coast Lighthouses for the year 1858.
- (28.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and fifty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the establishment of Coast Lighthouses for the year 1858.
- (29.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand three hundred and twenty-two pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages in the establishment of Harbor Lights for the year 1858.
- (30.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and seventy pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Harbor Lights for the year 1858.
- (31.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and thirteen pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries and wages in the Establishment of Light Vessels for the year 1858.
- (32.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Light Vessels for the year 1858.
- (33.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifteen pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of maintenance of Wharf and Jetty Lights for the year 1858.
- (34.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand six hundred and sixty-seven pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Immigration Establishments for the year 1858.
- (35.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand eight hundred and thirty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Immigration Establishments for the year 1858.
- (36.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of the introduction of Immigrants for the year 1858.
- (37.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and eight hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858 of carrying out the provisions of the proposed "Distilleries Act."
- (38.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and twenty-eight pounds two shillings and sixpence be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the establishment of Powder Magazines for the year 1858.
- (39.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of Powder Magazines for the year 1858.
- (40.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding "Forty-three thousand three" hundred and twelve pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the establishment of the Post Offices for the year 1858.
- (41.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand seven hundred and eight pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of the Post Offices for the year 1858.
- (42.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858 of establishing the Money Order system.
- (43.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixty-eight thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of the Mail Service for the year 1858.
- (44.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand three hundred and twenty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the establishment of the Electric Telegraph for the year 1858.

- (45.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and sixty-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies in the establishment of the Electric Telegraph for the year 1858.
- (46.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858 of opening up new lines of Telegraph.
- (47.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five thousand and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Audit Office for the year 1858.
- (48.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the establishment of the Audit Office for the year 1858.

Mr. Ebdon moved, That the words, "Forty-three thousand three" be omitted from resolution No. 40, with a view to insert, instead thereof, the words "Forty-two thousand six."

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 resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ebdon then moved, That this House do now agree with the above resolutions, as so amended.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

"Supply—To be further considered in Committee."

7. GRAVING DOCK.—MR. D. S. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency, praying that a sum of money be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of enabling a Graving Dock to be at once commenced, the constantly increasing requirements of this Port rendering such provision absolutely necessary.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS.—Mr. Brooke moved, pursuant to notice, That the prayer of the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Geelong, praying the suspension of the Standing Orders, so that they may be in a position to ask the House for an Act of Incorporation to incorporate a Company to supply the Town of Geelong with Gas, be taken into consideration with a view to such prayer being granted.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 3rd February next:—

"Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee."

10. PUBLIC EDUCATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 2nd February next.

11. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

"Salaries in Penal Department—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee."

Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 31.

FRIDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. REFORM BILLS—Mr. Hughes moved, by leave of the Assembly, That the several Petitions presented to this House on the subject of the Reform Bills be printed.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the several Notices of Motion on the Paper for to-day be postponed until after the consideration of the first Order for to-day.
4. CALL OF THE HOUSE.—The Order of the Day for the Call of the House being read—
Ordered—That the House be called over, and all the members appeared, with the following exceptions: John Thomas Smith, Esq., Thomas Howard Fellows, Esq., George Samuel Evans, Esq., Francis Edis Beaver, Esq., George Samuel Wegg Horne, Esq., Theodore Hancock, Esq., Peter Lalor, Esq., David Blair, Esq., W. A. D. Anderson, Esq., Edward Henty, Esq., W. Rutledge, Esq., J. G. Ware, Esq., James McCulloch, Esq., and John Quarterman, Esq., who were subsequently called, and the following gentlemen answered to their names, viz.: John Thomas Smith, Esq., George Samuel Evans, Esq., Francis E. Beaver, Esq., George Samuel Wegg Horne, Esq., Peter Lalor, Esq., D. Blair, Esq., and J. Quarterman, Esq.; and the following Members were, after explanation, severally excused, viz.: T. H. Fellowes, Esq., Theodore Hancock, Esq., W. A. D. Anderson, Esq., Edward Henty, Esq., W. Rutledge, Esq., J. G. Ware, Esq., and J. McCulloch, Esq.
5. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the following resolutions:—
 - (1.) That it is expedient to provide adequate compensation to members of the Assembly for loss of time and expense incurred as representatives in Parliament.
 - (2.) That a Bill be brought in to provide such compensation, at the rate of per annum, for each member of the Assembly from the commencement of the ensuing session of the Legislature.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Snodgrass moved the previous question.

Debate continued

Question—That this question be now put—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 19

Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Captain Perry,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Read, }

Noes, 29.

Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. John Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

And so it passed in the negative.

6. "CROWN" EXPLANATION BILL.—Captain Clarke moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill to explain to whom the term 'Crown,' as used in certain cases, shall apply.*"

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Captain Clarke then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to explain to whom the term 'Crown' as used in certain cases shall apply,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Wednesday, 3rd February next.

7. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—NEIGHBOURING COLONIES.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That such members of the Legislatures of New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, or New Zealand, as may visit Melbourne, shall be admitted to use the Parliamentary Library, and to seats behind the Bar of this House, during their visit.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock—

SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1858.

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

"*Mr. J. P. Main—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*" until Tuesday, 2nd February next;

"*Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be committed,*" until Wednesday, 3rd February next, to take precedence of all business on that day, and

"*Supply—To be further considered in Committee,*" and

"*Salaries in Penal Department—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*" until Tuesday, 2nd February next.

9. DURATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL.—Mr. 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. Haines, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Haines moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"*An Act to shorten the duration of the Legislative Assembly.*"

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

Assembly adjourned at four minutes past twelve o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 32.

TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Horne, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from this Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that a Petition had been deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly from James Blackwood, Esquire, of Melbourne, Inspector of the Union Bank of Australia, and Frederick Gonnerman Dalgety, Richard Grice, Thomas James Nankivell, and Frederick Cook, Esquires, local Directors of the said Bank, praying that the Standing Orders of this House might be dispensed with, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioners to introduce a Bill to remove the doubts set forth in the Petition, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and that leave might be given to bring in such Bill accordingly.

Mr. Humffray presented a petition from certain teachers of public schools in Ballaarat and its vicinity, praying that the Public Education Bill, with such modification as this House might deem fit, might be passed into law as speedily as the forms of the House would permit.

Petition read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Griffith presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Casterton and Sandford, in the United Counties of Dundas and Follett, praying this House would not in any Bill for changing the constitution of the Legislative Assembly admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation, but that in adjusting the proportion of members due regard should be had to the importance and local circumstances attending the several districts of the Colony, and that in particular your Honorable House will not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for the electoral district of Normanby, Dundas and Follett, including Portland, which now returns four members, and for Villiers and Heytesbury, including Belfast and Warrnambool, which now also returns four members.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Wood presented a Petition from the Catholic Clergy and Laity residing at Beechworth praying that the Public Education Bill might be rejected by this House.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Captain Clarke presented a Petition from Allan Leitch, styling himself chairman of certain electors of Emerald Hill, in public meeting assembled, praying the House to obliterate the clause in the Elections Regulations Bill relating to the representation of minorities.

Petition read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Horne presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Warrnambool and its district, praying the House would not in any Bill for changing the constitution of the Legislative Assembly, admit the principle that population alone should be the sole basis of representation; but that in adjusting the proportion of members, due regard should be had to the agricultural and pastoral interests of the colony, of which this district constitutes a striking example; and that in particular this House would not sanction any measure for reducing the number of members for Belfast, Warrnambool, and Villiers and Heytesbury, which now return four members.

Ordered to lie on Table.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—
Births, Deaths and Marriages—Registrar General's Fourth Annual Report.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative. And—

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

The Chairman having reported progress, Mr. Michie moved, That this House will "to-morrow" resolve itself into a Committee for the further consideration of this Bill.

Dr. Evans moved, as an amendment, That the word "to-morrow" be omitted, and the words "on this day week" be inserted instead thereof.

Question—that the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 20.
Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Brooke,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Duffy,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales,

Noes, 22.
Capt. Anderson,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Horne,

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House will on this day week resolve itself into a Committee for the further consideration of this Bill—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read.

HENRY BARKLY,

Message, No. 2.

Governor.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly an additional Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1858, and recommends an appropriation accordingly.
Melbourne, 2nd February, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying Estimates, taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow—
“*Supply—To be further considered in Committee.*”

8. MR. W. L. MORTON.—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place on the Estimates for 1858 the sum of £352 16s. 10d, compensation to Mr. W. L. Morton, as recommended by the Report from the Select Committee on his case, presented to this House on the 22nd December, 1857.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. SCHOONER “HARLEQUIN.”—Captain Clarke moved, pursuant to notice, for the production of Copies of the Advertisement, Tender, Contract and Correspondence connected with raising the vessel *Harlequin*, which had been sunk in the River Yarra.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

“*Mr. J. P. Main—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee.*”

11. SALARIES IN PENAL DEPARTMENT.—On the motion of Mr. Heales, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1858 the sum of £5350 12s. 6d., for the purpose of increasing the Salaries of the following Officers in the Penal Department, under item No. 26, page 24 of the Estimates for the year 1858:—

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|-------------|
| (1.) | 124 Warders, increase 2s. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £4,526 | 0 | 0 | |
| (2.) | 8 Overseers, ,, £70 per annum | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 560 | 0 | 0 | |
| (3.) | 11 Corporals, ,, 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 | 7 | 6 | |
| (4.) | 6 Sergeants, ,, 1s. 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 164 | 5 | 0 | |
| Total | | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | £5,350 12 6 |

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the said Report be received to-morrow.

Assembly adjourned at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 33.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had this day received the following letter :—

MY DEAR SIR,
 I feel my health giving way ; I beg, therefore, to resign my seat into thy hands.
 I remain,
 Thine respectfully,
 CHAS. READ.

Geelong,
 1st of the 2nd month, 1858.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—
 Electric Telegraph.—Concluding Report of the General Superintendent of Electric Telegraph, relative to the advancement and present condition of the department, up to 31st December, 1857.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Haines also presented—

Port of Melbourne.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 11th December, 1857, for Returns shewing—

- (1.) The total number of vessels of all classes which have arrived and departed from the Port of Melbourne, during the month of October, 1857.
- (2.) Number of crew arriving with and departing with each vessel.
- (3.) Amount and value of tonnage discharged from and received into each vessel.
- (4.) Number of passengers disembarked and embarked in each vessel.
- (5.) Time each vessel remained in port, distinguishing, as far as practicable, where in the port such vessel laid and discharged and received her cargo and passengers.
- (6.) The draught of water of each vessel.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Everard presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and residents of the district of Heathcote, praying that such measures might be taken in relation to the statements set forth in the Petition as this House might deem fit.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Harker presented a Petition from the Directors of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, under the Corporate Seal of the Company, praying that this House would not consent to the second reading of the Bill to explain to whom the term "Crown," as used in certain cases, should apply, until the matters set forth in the Petition have been enquired into and reported on to this House by a Select Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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, 5th February instant.

6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

“ *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

“ *‘Crows’ Explanation Bill—Second reading.*”

“ *Mr. W. L. Morton—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee.*”

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

“ *Mr. J. P. Main—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee.*”

8. **SALARIES IN PENAL DEPARTMENT.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon a Supplementary Estimate for 1858, the sum of £5,350 12s. 6d. for the purpose of increasing the Salaries of the following Officers in the Penal Department, under item No. 26, page 24 of the Estimates for the year 1858 :—

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| (1.) | 124 | Warders, increase 2s. per day | ... | ... | ... | £4,526 | 0 | 0 |
| (2.) | 8 | Overseers, „ £70 per annum | ... | ... | ... | 560 | 0 | 0 |
| (3.) | 11 | Corporals, „ 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | 100 | 7 | 6 |
| (4.) | 6 | Sergeants, „ 1s. 6d. per day | ... | ... | ... | 164 | 5 | 0 |
| Total | | | | | | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | | | £5,350 | 12 | 6 |

Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 34.

THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had this day received the following letter, viz. :—

37, Temple Court, 4th February, 1858.

SIR,
I have the honor to inform you that I have accepted an office of profit under the Crown, and that my seat for the Murray District is vacant.
I intended no discourtesy to the House or to yourself by not giving this intimation before, but was under the impression that, under these circumstances, no notification was usual.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
TRAVERS ADAMSON.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented—

Duty on Opium.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 8th January, 1858, for a Return of the Amount of Revenue derived from the imposition of the Duty on Opium, since the passing of the Act.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Speaker announced that a Petition had been deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the town of Geelong, under the corporate seal of that municipality, soliciting permission to introduce a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to restrict the boundaries of the town of Geelong, and to make further provision for defining the wards thereof,*" in accordance with the Standing Orders of this House; and that any Standing Orders which may exist in relation to the bringing in of private Bills may be suspended for that purpose, on payment of the usual fees into the Treasury in accordance therewith.
Dr. Owens presented a Petition from John Woods, styling himself Chairman of a public meeting of the merchants, miners and others of Mount Ararat, praying the House to postpone the consideration of the clause in the "Elections Regulations Bill," for securing the representation of minorities until the assembling of a reformed Parliament, and to expedite the passing of the Reform Bills now before this House (with the exception of the minority clause) without further delay; and also to introduce into one of them a clause providing for the payment of Members of the Assembly.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the second Order for to-day :—

"Supply—Resolutions in Committee—To be reported."
6. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.
Resolved—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—

Supply—Resolutions in Committee to be reported.
8. MARINE SURVEY.—Mr. Findlay moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of £5000 be placed on the Estimates for prosecuting the Marine Survey of the Colony.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. SUPPLY OF WATER TO SALE.—Mr. John Johnson moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider 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 1858, the sum of £1500 for the purpose of conveying the water from the River Thomson through the township of Sale.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. GRANTS TO MELBOURNE AND GEELONG.—Mr. Smith moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a sum of £25,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, in aid of the Funds of the Melbourne Corporation; and the sum of £10,000 in aid of the Corporation of Geelong.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 8.
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Chapman, }
 Capt. Clarke, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 13.
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebdon,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Moore, }
 Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*

And so it passed in the negative.

11. SUPPLY OF WATER TO GEELONG.—Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Brooke, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best mode of supplying the town of Geelong with water, with power to take evidence and call for persons and papers, such Committee to consist of Dr. Thomson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Smith, Mr. Greeves, Captain Clarke, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Harker, Mr. Wills, Mr. O'Shanassy, and Mr. Brooke; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered, That the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—

“Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee,” until to-morrow. To take precedence of all other business.

“‘Crown’ Explanation Bill—Second reading,” until Wednesday, 10th February instant, and

“Mr. W. L. Morton—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee.”

“Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,” and

“Mr. J. P. Main—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,” until to-morrow.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-six minutes past eleven, until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 35.

FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Parliament 21 Victoria No. 32—
Maryborough District.—Orders in Council.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Ebden presented—
Pensions.—A list of all pensions granted under Act 18 and 19 Victoria cap. 55, and
the persons to whom the same are granted.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Brooke presented a Petition from the Reverend I. Hetherington, styling
himself Moderator of the Synod of Victoria, praying this House to take the statements set
forth in the Petition into favorable consideration, and to rescind the clause in the Public
Education Bill which restricts the Public Schools in the Colony to merely secular
instruction, and otherwise in legislating on this great subject to ensure that with secular
instruction the requisite facilities for imparting religious instruction also be given.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PRINTING REPORT.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Sixth
Report from this Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
5. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further
consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr.
Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole
for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the
same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 9th February instant. Bill as amended to
be printed.
6. IMPORTATION OF LIVE STOCK.—Mr. Forlonge moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—
 - (1.) For a Return of the stock slaughtered during 1857, as compiled from the Registers of
the Inspectors of Stock.
 - (2.) A Return of the Wool exported in the year 1857; whether in grease or washed, and
where produced.
 - (3.) A Return of the number and description of Stock brought from New South Wales
across the River Murray during the year 1857, as well as from South Australia.
 - (4.) A Return of all Stock exported from Victoria.
 - (5.) A Return of the amount of existing Mortgages under the "Lien on Stock Act," and
the date of payment of those mortgages.Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT OF WASTE LANDS.—Mr. Snodgrass moved, pursuant to notice—
 - (1.) That pending the passing of an enactment by the Legislature providing for the sale
and regulation of the Waste Lands of this Colony, this Assembly are of opinion that for
the purposes of survey, the settlement of the country, and the prevention of partiality
in the survey and sale of lands, the Colony should be divided into survey districts, and
that a committee of persons, not being Crown tenants, but being residents in the district
in which they shall act, should be nominated by the Governor, and that a land office
should be established in each district, where, in connexion with the lands comprised
within such district, all necessary information may be obtained and selection made
without reference to Melbourne.
 - (2.) That such Committees shall recommend to the Board of Land and Works what lands
should be surveyed, and when and where sold, the size of the lots, the upset price not being
less than £1 per acre, the several reserves required, and for what purposes wanted, the
different lines of road, or alterations of road, and generally any circumstances connected
with the survey, sale, and management of the Waste Lands within their respective districts,
that such Committee may from time to time consider necessary; that such Committees
shall hold their meetings at the District Land Office, and that the officer in charge shall
act as Secretary to such Committees when required.Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Snodgrass moved—

- (3.) That this Assembly further recommends that measures be at once adopted to ascertain the grazing capacity of each and every Run held under Pastoral License, the extent of auriferous lands that have been or are now actually worked for gold, and all such information as will assist the Legislature in the future consideration of a Land Bill.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—Mr. Sitwell moved, pursuant to amended notice, That in accordance with the prayer of the Petition from the Inspector and Directors of the Union Bank, the following Standing Orders relating to private Bills, viz., IV., VII., XIX., XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XLV., C., and CI., be suspended in order to enable the petitioners to introduce a Bill more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the Colony of Victoria, by and against a certain Banking Company called the "Union Bank of Australia," and for other purposes therein mentioned, and that leave be given to bring in the said Bill.

Question—put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sitwell then brought in a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the colony of Victoria by and against a certain Banking Company called the 'Union Bank of Australia,' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 12th February instant.

9. WHARFAGE RATE.—Captain Perry moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of imposing a wharfage rate on the importation of goods into the Colony of Victoria.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

10. GEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Brooke moved, pursuant to notice given by Dr. Thomson, That the prayer of the Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the town of Geelong, praying that so much of the Standing Orders as relate to the introduction of Private Bills be suspended, in order to enable the petitioners to introduce a Bill to restrict the boundaries of Geelong and to make further provision for the wards therein.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brooke then brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to restrict the Boundaries of the Town of Geelong, and to make further provision for the Wards thereof,*" and moved that the Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time Friday, 12th February instant.

11. DEBTORS FROM NEIGHBORING COLONIES BILL.—Mr. Michie having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to give further remedies to Creditors against Debtors removing from any of the Australasian Colonies to the Colony of Victoria, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to give further remedies to Creditors against Debtors removing from any of the Australasian Colonies to the Colony of Victoria,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time Tuesday, 12th February instant.

12. MR. HARKER reported from the Committee of Supply several Resolutions, which were read as follow:—

3rd February.

- (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-nine pounds and fifteen shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the establishment of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1858.
- (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Thirty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the establishment of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1858.
- (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ten pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the establishment of the Library for both Houses of Parliament for the year 1858.
- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three pounds and fourteen shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the establishment of the Registrar General for the year 1858.
- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of the Establishment of Police for the year 1858.
- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Forty-four thousand and four hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the contingencies of the Establishment of Police for the year 1858.
- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand and seven hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of the Detective Police for the year 1858.

- (8.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and seventy-three pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the Establishment of Gaols for the year 1858.
- (9.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six thousand one hundred and eighty-nine pounds and fifteen shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of Penal Establishments for the year 1858.
- (10.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eighty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the Penal Establishments for the year 1858.
- (11.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the Medical Establishment for the year 1858.
- (12.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand and four hundred and ten pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the establishment of the Supreme Court for the year 1858.
- (13.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and seventy-five pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the Supreme Court for the year 1858.
- (14.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Police Magistrates for the year 1858.
- (15.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the establishment of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, Courts of Insolvency and of the Police Magistrates for the year 1858.
- (16.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand six hundred and fifteen pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the colonial allowance to Her Majesty's troops for the year 1858.
- (17.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-six pounds and five shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the pay of the Volunteer Force for the year 1858.
- (18.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies of the Volunteer Force for the year 1858.
- (19.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand and six hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying grants in aid of Charitable Institutions for the year 1858, as hereinafter mentioned, on condition that one-third the amount be raised by private contributions, and that a statement of transactions and account of receipts and expenditure of the year ending 31st December, 1857, be rendered in prescribed form to the Treasury; also, that a similar account be furnished for 1858, before 31st January, 1859, being—
- Five hundred pounds towards the maintenance and support of a ward for the Chinese in the Hospital, Bechworth.
 - One thousand pounds towards building an Hospital at Buninyong.
 - Five hundred pounds towards maintenance and support of a Ward for the Chinese in the Hospital at Sandhurst.
 - Two thousand pounds towards building and One thousand pounds towards maintenance of Benevolent Asylum, Melbourne.
 - One thousand pounds towards building a new wing to Melbourne Hospital.
 - One thousand pounds towards building Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Melbourne.
 - One thousand pounds towards maintenance of Infirmary and Benevolent Asylum, Geelong.
 - Four hundred pounds towards maintenance of Ladies' Benevolent Society, Melbourne; and
 - Two hundred pounds towards maintenance of Williamstown Ladies' Benevolent Society.
- (20.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand six hundred and eighty pounds nine shillings and one penny be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the miscellaneous services in the Department of the Treasurer for the year 1858, as hereinafter mentioned, being—
- Eight hundred pounds gratuity to Mr. James Ballingall.
 - One hundred and twenty-one pounds twelve shillings and nine pence costs in an action brought by Dr. Hunter against Mr. E. P. S. Sturt, as Police Magistrate.
 - Thirty-two pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence costs in an action brought by Mr. Sims against Mr. F. Greene, Registrar of the County Court, Ballarat.
 - Two thousand and seventy-one pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence for compensation to Mr. P. Reid, in accordance with the report of a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to consider his case.
 - Sixty-nine pounds and five shillings to re-imburse the Government Shorthand Writer the amount paid by him for transcribing evidence, &c., in the case of the East Bourke Election Petition.
 - One thousand and five hundred pounds grant to the Committee of the Public Gardens, Geelong.

- One thousand and eight hundred pounds for erection of Post Office at Beechworth (in lieu of former vote which lapsed); and
Two thousand pounds for additional Post Offices.
- (39.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and one hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the miscellaneous expenses for the year 1858 of the Establishment of Works and Buildings, as hereinafter mentioned, being—
One thousand pounds for erection of a Powder Magazine at Portland.
One thousand and one hundred pounds for altering the course of a gully at North Melbourne, and—
Two thousand pounds for landing mud at the bank of the River Yarra.
- (40.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the establishment of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs for the year 1858, being—
One hundred pounds for increase of salary to the Chief Clerk in the Commissioner's office, and—
Six hundred pounds for the salary of two Lockers.
- (41.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and ninety pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the probable expense for the year 1858 of wages for twelve sorters in the establishment of Post Offices.
- (42.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and thirty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858, of contingencies in the establishment of Post Offices.
- (43.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and seventy-eight pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the Establishment of Electric Telegraph for the year 1858.
- (44.) Resolved—That a Bill be brought in to carry into effect the various resolutions agreed to in Committee of Supply.
- On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly agreed to the above resolutions.
13. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Ebdon then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue towards the Service of the Year 1858 and for other purposes,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed and read a second time Tuesday, 9th February instant.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
"*Municipal Act Amendment Bill—Second reading,*" until Friday, 12th February instant.
"*Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*" until Wednesday, 10th February instant.
"*Marine Survey—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*" until Tuesday, 9th February instant; and
"*Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*" until Wednesday, 10th February instant.
15. WATER SUPPLY TO SALE.—On the motion of Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering 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 1858 the sum of £1500 for the purpose of conveying the water from the River Thomson through the township of Sale.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, Ordered—That the Report be received Tuesday, 9th February instant.
16. MR. W. L. MORTON.—On the Motion of Mr. Heales, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place upon the estimates for 1858 the sum of £352 16s. 10d., compensation to Mr. W. L. Morton, as recommended by the Report from the Select Committee on his case, presented to this House on the 22nd December, 1857.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, Ordered—That the Report be received Tuesday, 9th February instant.
17. MR. J. P. MAIN.—On the motion of Mr. Heales, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates the sum of £255 as compensation to Mr. J. P. Main, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly laid on the Table of this House during last Session.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution, Ordered—That the said Report be received Tuesday, 9th February instant.
- Assembly adjourned at seventeen minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
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OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 36.

TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Beaver presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and electors of the town of Belfast, praying the House not to allow the Reform Bill now introduced to pass whilst it contains such objectionable clauses.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Sitwell presented a Petition from Mark Whitwill, styling himself Chairman, and William Terrell, styling himself Vice-Chairman, of the Bristol (England) Chamber of Commerce, praying the House to include the Port of Bristol as one of the ports of departure for emigrants in any arrangements which may be made by this House for the better administration of the colonial funds appropriated to emigration purposes.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Harker presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Company, praying the House not to consent to the second reading of the Bill to explain to whom the term "Crown," as used in certain cases, shall apply, until the matters of the Petition had been enquired into and reported on to this House by a Select Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Chairman and Councillors of the Municipal District of Prahran, under the Corporate Seal of the Municipality, praying this House to reject the Bill to amend "*An Act for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in Victoria.*"
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from J. B. Crews, styling himself Chairman of a public meeting held at Prahran, praying this House to refuse its assent to the new principle of representation by minorities, being a measure calculated to impede the free action of popular representation, and to neutralise that manhood suffrage recently conceded.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from John Johnson, styling himself Chairman of the Men of Armstrong's Diggings, in public meeting assembled, trusting this House would see fit to withdraw the minority clause from the Reform Bills.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Dr. Embling presented a Petition from George Harker, on behalf of a public meeting, Napier street, Collingwood, praying this House to withhold its sanction from the clause in the Reform Bills for representation by minorities, as being calculated to disappoint the just expectations of the people, by still further impeding the action of that manhood suffrage already curtailed by the obstructive, and, in the opinion of the petitioner, for all useful purposes, impracticable system of registration.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
3. APPROVAL OF JOINT STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Speaker announced that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to approve of the Additional Joint Standing Order adopted by this House 6th January last.
4. ASSESSMENT ON STOCK BILL.—Mr. Moore brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Assessment on Stock,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Thursday, 11th February instant.
5. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCREASE BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Haines, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and on the further motion of Mr. Haines, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Thursday, 11th February instant.

6. J. G. MCGREGOR.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the defalcations of J. G. McGregor, lately a clerk in the office of the Paymaster of Police, with power to call for papers and to take evidence, the following gentlemen to form the Committee :—Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Harker, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to shorten the Duration of the Legislative Assembly,*" without amendment.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chambers,
9th February, 1858.

8. EAST BOURKE ELECTION.—Mr. Ebden moved, pursuant to notice, That so much of the resolution of this Assembly agreed to on the 23rd September last, as affirmed that the sum of £119 18s. had been incurred for expenses of reporting and transcribing the notes taken in shorthand in the case of the East Bourke Election, and that the sum of £76 2s., part thereof, was payable by the agent of Mr. W. J. Smith, and the sum of £43 16s., residue thereof, was payable by the agent for Mr. Bennett, be re-affirmed by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Ware,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Owens, }

Noes, 9.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Chapman,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sitwell, }

Adj. Owens, } *Resolved in the affirmative.*

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

Further additional Estimates for the year 1858.

HENRY BARKLY,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly further additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1858, and recommends an appropriation of the Consolidated Revenue accordingly.

Melbourne, 9th February, 1858.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock—

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this afternoon.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
 - “ *Supply—To be further considered in Committee,*”
 - “ *Debtors from Neighboring Colonies Bill—Second reading,*” and
 - “ *Appropriation Bill—Second reading,*” until this afternoon.
 - “ *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of report,*” until Thursday, 11th February instant; and
 - “ *Marine Survey—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*” until this afternoon.
12. **WATER SUPPLY TO SALE.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1858 the sum of £1,500 for the purpose of conveying the water from the River Thomson through the Township of Sale.
13. **MR. W. L. MORTON.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1858, the sum of £352 16s. 10d., compensation to Mr. W. L. Morton, as recommended by the Report from the Select Committee on his case, presented to this House on the 22nd December, 1857.
14. **MR. J. P. MAIN.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for 1858 the sum of £255 as compensation to Mr. J. P. Main, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly laid on the Table of this House during last Session.

Assembly adjourned at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock until four o'clock p.m. this day.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

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No. 37.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received the following letter, which he read to the House, and is as follows :—

Melbourne Club, 10th February, 1858.

SIR,

I hereby resign the seat in the Legislative Assembly which I have the honor to hold as representative of the United Counties of Dundas and Collett.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

To the Honorable the Speaker.

CHARLES J. GRIFFITH.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebdon presented—
Gold—

- (1.) Return of Gold that has been received by Escort at the Gold Office, Treasury, since the discovery of the Gold Fields, distinguishing the quantity received in each year.
- (2.) Return shewing the amount of Gold on deposit at the several Gold Offices at the Gold Fields on 31st December, 1857, distinguishing the year of deposit.
- (3.) Return shewing the several years in which the parcels of Gold constituting a portion of the balance on hand 31st December, 1857, became chargeable with rent, having been in office a period over thirty days.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from Robert Boston, of Heidelberg, Yeoman, praying the House would refuse its sanction to any Bill or clause of a Bill upon the plan or principle commonly called or known as the representation of minorities.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from the Reverend George Divorty, styling himself Moderator of the Melbourne Presbytery of the Free Church of Victoria, praying the House to re-consider the amendment proposing to restrict the teaching of Public Schools to Secular Instruction.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebdon presented—

Steam Postal Service.—Correspondence respecting.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Haines presented—

Wardens and Chinese Protectors.—Instructions to Wardens and Chinese Protectors as to their duties under the Act of Parliament, No. 41.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Assembly 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.

7. SUPPLY.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. Aspinall also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Resolved—That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into the said Committee.

Notice having been taken that there was not a quorum of members present, Mr. Speaker counted the House, and a quorum of members not being present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes past seven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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No. 38.

THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Blair presented a Petition from George Russell, styling himself Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Miners and Residents of Creswick Creek, praying the House to take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and reject the Minority Clause.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Ebdon presented, pursuant to Act of Council 4 Victoria No. 13—
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—General Abstract of Returns of the average liabilities and assets of the several Banks in Victoria, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
4. LUNATIC ASYLUM COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines moved, by leave of the Assembly, that the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Lunatic Asylum have leave to meet on Monday next, and to visit the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum, and also the site proposed for the new Lunatic Asylum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Debtors from Neighboring Colonies Bill—Second reading,*” and
“ *Appropriation Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow.
“ *Assessment on Stock Bill—Second reading,*” and
“ *Assembly Members Increase Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*” until Tuesday, 16th February instant.
“ *Supply—To be further considered in Committee,*” until to-morrow.
“ *‘Crown’ Explanation Bill—Second reading,*” until Tuesday, 16th February instant.
“ *Careless use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*”
“ *Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*” and
“ *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Adoption of report,*” until to-morrow.
7. SUPPLY—FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1858.—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of Supply certain resolutions, which were read and agreed to, and are as follow :—
10th February.
 - (1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and forty-seven pounds and ten shillings be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the Penal Establishment for the year 1858.
 - (2.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Three thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense of establishing and maintaining a Reformatory for Juveniles, for the year 1858.
 - (3.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the contingencies in the Establishment of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, Courts of Insolvency, and Police Magistrates for the year 1858.

- (4.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense for the year 1858 of Grants in Aid of Charitable Institutions as hereinafter mentioned, on condition that one-third the amount be raised by private contributions, and that a statement of transactions and account of receipts and expenditure of the year ending 31st December, 1857, be rendered in the prescribed form, to the Treasury; also that a similar account be furnished for 1858, before the 31st January, 1859, being—

Three hundred pounds for maintenance of Geelong and Western District Ladies' Benevolent Society.

Two hundred and fifty pounds for maintenance of St. Mark's District Visiting Society.

Two hundred pounds for maintenance of St. Mary's District Visiting Society; and
Two hundred pounds for maintenance of Friendly Brothers' Society.

- (5.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and forty-six pounds nineteen shillings and four pence be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Miscellaneous Services in the Department of the Treasury for the year 1858, being—

Thirty-nine pounds two shillings and sixpence costs in an action brought by Messrs. Bennett and Taylor against Mr. Edward Cotton, Registrar of the County Court, Melbourne.

Three hundred and fifty-two pounds sixteen shillings and tenpence, compensation to Mr. W. L. Morton, as recommended by the Report from the Select Committee on his case, presented on 22nd December, 1857; and

Two hundred and fifty-five pounds compensation to Mr. J. P. Main, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly, presented during last Session.

- (6.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding Five thousand pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries and wages of the establishment for the survey, sale, and management of public lands for the year 1858.

- (7.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One thousand and five hundred pounds be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of conveying water from the River Thomson through the township of Sale.

8. FEDERAL UNION.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, For leave to bring up a Progress Report from the Select Committee upon a Federal Union of the Australian Colonies.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gavan Duffy then brought up a Progress Report from the Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.

Assembly adjourned at fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 39.

FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from certain Ministers, Office Bearers, and Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Independent Church, and other Churches in Victoria, praying the House to reject the Education Bill as now amended.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Smith presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, residing in the parish of St. John's, Melbourne, praying the House not to pass that clause of the Education Bill which empowers the proposed Chief Commissioner to dispose upon certain conditions of the property of schools at present established, as such a power would undermine the security of all property and shake confidence in public faith.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Smith presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, under the corporate seal of the said City, praying the House to reject so much of the Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill as proposes to divest the petitioners of their reversionary interest in the lands, hereditaments, property rights, powers, duties, and authorities now vested in or sought for by the Commissioners appointed under the said Act, and that the House would not subject the petitioners to taxation by any other body than their own representatives.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented—
Portland Tramway.—Copies of Correspondence relating to certain proposed alterations in the wooden rails of the Portland Tramway.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report of the Printing Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
5. BELFAST PETITION.—Mr. Rutledge moved, That a Copy of the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the district of Belfast, on behalf of E. D. and A. McLean, prisoners of the Crown under sentence of the General Sessions Court, together with a copy of the Report made by the Judge thereon, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. SANDHURST BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering, in accordance with the promises of the Government, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates for this year the sum of £3000 for the erection, and £1500 for the maintenance, of the Benevolent Asylum at Sandhurst, on condition that one-third of these amounts be raised by private subscriptions.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Humffray, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebdon,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Forlonge, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sitwell, }

And so it passed in the negative.

7. OAKLEIGH WATER SUPPLY.—Mr. Ricardo moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £400 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, for the purpose of supplying the township of Oakleigh with water.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Davis,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. O'Brien,
Dr. Owens,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Ricardo, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Humffray, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sitwell, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Hancock moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Grant, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled “*An Act to provide for the Collection and Payment of the Public Monies, the Audit of the Public Accounts, and the Protection and Recovery of the Public Property.*”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hancock then brought up a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act to provide for the Collection and Payment of the Public Monies, the Audit of the Public Accounts, and the Protection and Recovery of the Public Property,’*” and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Friday, 19th February instant.

9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.—Dr. Embling having moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the more efficient registration of Medical Practitioners, brought up a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make more efficient provision for the registration of the Medical Practitioners in Victoria, and to determine a more satisfactory mode by which causes of deaths shall be certified, and for other purposes,*” and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be printed.

10. UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—Mr. Sitwell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

11. MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Hancock moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Hancock, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and

On the further motion of Mr. Hancock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Friday, 19th February instant.

12. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 16th February instant.

13. DEBTORS FROM NEIGHBOURING COLONIES BILL.—Mr. Michie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Michie, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the report to be received Tuesday, 16th February instant.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. Ebdon moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; and
 On the further motion of Mr. Ebdon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the Assembly agreed to the Bill as reported, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 16th February instant.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
“Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill—Second reading,” and
“Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—To be further considered in Committee,”
 until Tuesday, 16th February instant; and
“Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,” until
 Wednesday, 17th February instant.
16. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ebdon, the Assembly agreed to the amendments made by the Committee of the whole in this Bill, and ordered the bill to be read a third time Tuesday, 16th February instant.
 Assembly adjourned at ten minutes past ten o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 40.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received returns to the Writs he had issued for the election of Members to serve for the Electoral Districts of Murray and Geelong, and by the returns endorsed on the several Writs it appeared that Travers Adamson, Esq., had been duly elected Member for Murray, and George Board, Esq., had been duly elected Member for Geelong.
3. NEW MEMBER.—Mr. Adamson, having been introduced and having taken the oath, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Murray.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented:—
 - Schooner *Harlequin*.—Return to an Order dated 2nd February instant, for copies of the advertisement, tender, contract, and correspondence connected with raising the vessel *Harlequin* which had been sunk in the River Yarra.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Mr. Haines also presented by command of His Excellency the Governor:—
 - Yarra Bend Asylum—Report on the Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum for the year 1857.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
 - Mr. Haines also presented:—
 - Claims to be Registered—Return of the Number of the Claims to be registered received by the Registrars of the several Electoral Districts in Victoria.
 - Ordered to be printed.
 - Belfast Petition.—Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, dated 12th February, 1858, for a Copy of the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the district of Belfast, on behalf of E. D. and A. McLean, prisoners of the Crown under sentence of the General Sessions Court, together with a copy of the Report made by the Judge thereon.
 - Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the 4th and 5th Orders for to-day:—
 - “*Assessment on Stock Bill—Second reading.*”
 - “*Assembly Members Increase Bill—To be further considered in Committee; and*
 - “*Elections Regulations Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”
6. DEBTORS FROM NEIGHBORING COLONIES BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Michie the Assembly agreed to the several amendments made in this Bill.
 - Mr. 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. Michie, read a third time and *passed*.
 - Mr. Michie moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
 - “*An Act to give further remedies to Creditors against Debtors removing from any other of the Australasian Colonies to the Colony of Victoria.*”
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
7. APPROPRIATION BILL.—Mr. 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. Ebdon, read a third time and *passed*.
 - Mr. Ebdon then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—
 - “*An Act to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue towards the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight and for other purposes.*”
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

8. **ASSESSMENT ON STOCK BILL.**—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Haines moved, That this Bill be committed.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 Mr. Forlonge moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to take evidence; and that such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Fellows, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Grant, Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. Henty, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 On the motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with amendments.
 On the motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Assembly ordered the Report to be received to-morrow.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
- " *Assembly Members Increase Bill*—To be further considered in Committee."
 - " *Election Regulations Bill*—To be further considered in Committee," and
 - " *Crown's Explanation Bill*—Second reading," until to-morrow.
 - " *Oakleigh Water Supply*—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee," and
 - " *Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill*—Second reading," until Friday, 19th February instant.
 - " *Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill*—To be further considered in Committee," until Thursday, 18th February instant; and
 - " *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill*—Third reading," until Friday, 19th February instant.
- Assembly adjourned at twenty-eight minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 41.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. Michie presented a Petition from certain Colonists, praying the House to take into its favorable consideration the propriety of so altering the Laws as to place the public in this Colony on the same footing as regards accommodation for procuring refreshments on Sunday as is enjoyed by the people of England.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Mr. Fellows moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCREASE BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Assessment on Stock Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until to-morrow.
“ *Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*” until Friday, 19th February instant; and
“ ‘ *Crown*’ *Explanation Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow.
- Assembly adjourned at twenty-seven minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 42.

THURSDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Speaker announced that there had been deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly a Petition from Munday Wilson and David Jones, merchants, Ballaarat East, on behalf of the Municipal Council of Ballaarat East, praying this House to sanction the suspension of the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, viz., Standing Orders number IV., VII., XIX., XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XLV., C., and CI., so as to enable the petitioners to cause a Bill to be introduced for the purpose of repealing Bye-law No. 7, of Municipal Council of Ballaarat, and for the laying down of water pipes from Yuille's Swamp to Ballaarat East.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Horne, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from this Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
4. PETITIONS.—Dr. Thomson presented a Petition from Herbert Swindells, of Geelong, praying the House to take the subject of the Memorial into consideration, and to adopt such further steps in the statements therein set forth as should seem fit.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Petitions, praying that the resolution to prevent religious instruction being imparted in the Public Schools might be rescinded, as if it be adhered to the petitioners feel there would be no alternative for the various religious bodies but either to leave the children of the colony wholly without religious instruction, or to establish independent schools. If the latter are successful the Public Schools must fail, but if the Public Schools succeed they must do so by risking the eternal happiness of the children educated within them, were presented by Mr. Colin Campbell from—

The Members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in Melbourne and its vicinity.

The Members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in Belfast.

The Members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in St. James', Melbourne.

The Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, Presbyterian, and other Churches, resident in Broadmeadows, Bulla, and Tullamarine.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PUBLICAN'S LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the conduct and management of public houses in the Colony of Victoria.
Debate ensued.
Question—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Michie,

Noes, 3.

Mr. Myles,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Moore, }

Noes—*continued.*

Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Humfray, }
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Haines then brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the conduct and management of Public Houses in the Colony of Victoria,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 23rd February instant.

6. **ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Assembly 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.

7. **NEW MEMBER.**—George Board, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the oath, took his seat as member for the Electoral District of Geelong.

8. **ELECTIONS REGULATIONS BILL.**—Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Assembly again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the Report to be received Tuesday, 23rd February instant.

9. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On the motion of Mr. Moore, the Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—

"*Assessment on Stock Bill—Adoption of Report.*"

On the motion of Mr. Moore, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole Assembly, for the reconsideration of certain clauses.

And on the further motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the Report to be received Tuesday, 23rd February instant.

10. **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCREASE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 23rd February instant.

11. **LOCK-UP, SANDHURST.**—Mr. Aspinall moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House—

(1.) A Return of the original cost of the Lock-up on the Camp Hill at Sandhurst, the conditions of the contract, and in what publication advertised, the name of the contractor, the number of alterations and improvements, the expense of such alterations and improvements, the number of prisoners discharged from it by the stipendiary magistrates for very humanity's sake, the correspondence of Mr. McLachlan and the local head of the police, or either of them, with Captain Mac Mahon on the subject, and the correspondence with the municipal authorities.

(2.) A return of all tenders for Police Buildings during Captain Mac Mahon's tenure of office, according to their respective dates, the mode and times of advertising for the same, and the names of the persons whose tenders were accepted.

(3.) A Return of all Police Buildings erected without tender, with the names of the persons erecting the same, and by whose orders erected.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. **TELEGRAPH LINE BETWEEN HEXHAM AND PORTLAND.**—Mr. Rutledge moved, pursuant to notice, That a copy of the contract for the clearing of the line for the electric telegraph, and the erection of the posts and all other parts of the work for same between Hexham, Warrnambool, Belfast, Portland, and the boundary of the colony with South Australia, be laid upon the Table of this House as soon as may be convenient.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. PAPERS.—Mr. Moore presented—

Telegraph Line between Hexham and Portland.—Return to the above order.

14. CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the Report to be received Tuesday, 23rd February instant.

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 24th February instant, to take precedence of all other business on that day:—

“‘Crown’ Explanation Bill—Second reading.”

Assembly adjourned at fifteen minutes past ten o’clock until four o’clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 43.

FRIDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fellows presented—
Mining Districts.—Orders and Rules under Acts No. 29 and 32. (Published in the *Government Gazette* of 12th January last.)
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Speaker announced that there had been deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly a Petition from certain promoters of the Geelong Gas Company, praying that so many of the Standing Orders of this House as relate to the proceedings before the Examiners, and as prevent this Petition from being received, and as prevent the said Bill from being read, might be suspended, and that the said Bill might be read, and after the second reading thereof might be referred to a Select Committee, and that such Committee might be at liberty to proceed with the Bill on having proof that the sum of £1500 has been deposited with the Treasurer of the Colony.
Mr. G. W. Johnson presented a Petition from Edmund Walter Kelly, J.P., styling himself Chairman of the Municipal Council of Kyneton, in the said Colony, praying this House would reconsider the proposed scheme of distributing the grants in aid of municipalities for the current year, and would disburse those grants in the same manner and upon the same terms as those for the last year.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. GEELONG GAS BILL.—Mr. Brooke brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Geelong Gas Company,' and for other purposes,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a first time.
5. CAPTAIN MAC MAHON.—Mr. Aspinall moved, by leave of the Assembly, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the reports regarding Capt. Mac Mahon, to the effect that he has had a personal interest, direct or indirect, in various contracts for police purposes, and also to inquire into the management of any Police Funds under the control of Capt. Mac Mahon, and generally to inquire into the conduct of the Police Department from the 1st January, 1853, such Committee to consist of Mr. Haines, Dr. Evans, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Sitwell, Dr. Owens, Mr. Smith, and the Mover; five to form a quorum.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA BILL.—Mr. Sitwell moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Bill intituled, "*The Union Bank of Australia Act 1858*" be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Horne, Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. Grant, Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Davis, Mr. Chapman, and the Mover, three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Sitwell then moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders CXIV. and CXXXIV. be suspended, and the Committee be permitted to sit immediately.
Question—put and resolved by three-fourths of the members present in the affirmative.
7. LAW OF ARREST AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Service having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of arrest, brought up a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Arrest,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Wednesday, 24th February instant.
8. FEDERAL UNION.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report from the Committee on a Federal Union of the Australian Colonies be now adopted.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF CROWN LANDS AND EXPENDITURE ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.—

Mr. Hancock moved, pursuant to notice, for a Return shewing the respective amounts realized by the Government by the sale of Crown Lands situate within each and every county of the Colony of Victoria, the respective amounts granted by the Legislature for the formation of Roads and Bridges and to be expended for other purposes in such counties respectively, and the respective amounts actually expended by the Government in the formation and erection of Roads and Bridges in such respective counties.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes 3.
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
 Dr. Embling, }

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Ricardo, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Sitwell, }

And it appearing from the Lists handed in by the Tellers that there was not a quorum of Members present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at eighteen minutes past seven o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 44.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Smith presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Melbourne, under the Corporate Seal of the city, praying aid for the city, and the same Petition having been read, was directed to be withdrawn.
Mr. Greeves presented a petition from certain inhabitants of the district of Gardiner's Creek, praying the House would not suffer any Bill for Public Education to pass which should in any way prevent religious instruction being given.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Captain Perry presented a petition from certain inhabitants of Williamstown, praying the House to resist the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the public-houses on the Lord's Day.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from certain Members of the United Church of England and Ireland residing in Castlemaine and its vicinity, praying the resolution to prevent religious instruction being imparted in the public schools might be rescinded, as if it be adhered to the Petitioners feel that there would be no alternative for the various religious bodies, but either to leave the children of the Colony wholly without religious instruction, or to establish independent schools; if the latter be successful, the public schools must fail, but if the public schools succeed, they must do so by risking the eternal happiness of the children educated within them.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Colin Campbell presented a petition from certain members of John Knox's congregation, Melbourne, and others interested in the schools connected with that congregation at Euroke, Richmond, South Richmond, Prahran, and Melbourne, praying the House to reject the Education Bill as it now stands.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Horne, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That all questions be taken after the Orders of the Day, during the remainder of the present Session.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, pursuant to Act of Parliament, No. 32:—
Maryborough and Sandhurst Mining Districts.—Order in Council fixing polling places for such districts.
Ordered to be printed.
5. LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Haines, moved pursuant to notice, that Henry Samuel Chapman, Esq., be appointed Member of the Joint Committee for the Library, in the place of Charles James Griffith, Esq., resigned.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 25th February instant:—
"Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second Reading."
7. ASSESSMENT ON STOCK BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Moore, the several amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly were read and agreed to by the House.
Mr. 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. Moore, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Moore moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—
"An Act for an Assessment on Stock."
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

8. **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS INCREASE BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

9. **FEES TO PARLIAMENTARY DRAFTSMEN.**—Mr. Hancock moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for the appointment of a Select Committee for the purpose of regulating the appropriation of the amount voted for Parliamentary Draftsmen for drawing Acts of Parliament, and that such Committee consist of Mr. Fellows, Mr. Horne, Dr. Embling, Dr. Owens, Mr. Grant, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Sitwell, Mr. Sladen, Mr. Harker, Mr. Brooke, and the Mover (three to form a quorum), with power to sit during any adjournment of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

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

“*Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until Thursday, 25th February instant; and

“*Audit Act Amendment Bill—Second reading,*”

“*Municipal Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*”

“*Oakleigh Water Supply—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*”

“*Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill—Second reading,*”

“*Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Third reading,*”

“*Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*”

“*Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until to-morrow.

Assembly adjourned at fifteen minutes past nine o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 45.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Haines moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, 3rd March next.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon the House adjourned at five minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday next.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 46.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue towards the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight and for other purposes,*" without amendment.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
25th February, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the following Bills without any amendment, viz. :—a Bill intituled "*An Act for an Assessment on Stock,*" and a Bill intituled "*An Act to give further remedies to Creditors against Debtors removing from any other of the Australasian Colonies to the Colony of Victoria.*"

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
2nd March, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "*An Act to fix the Terms Sittings and Holidays of the Supreme Court,*" to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
2nd March, 1858.

On the motion of Mr. Fellows, the Bill transmitted by the above Message was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 9th March instant.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Haines presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor,—Federal Union of Australian Colonies.—Reports of the Committees of the Parliament of South Australia.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from this Committee.
- Ordered to be printed.

5. PETITION.—Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain members of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in Whittlesea and its vicinity, praying that the resolution to prevent religious instruction being imparted in public schools, might be rescinded, as if it be adhered to, the petitioners feel that there would be no alternative for the various religious bodies but either to leave the children of the Colony wholly without religious instruction, or, to establish independent schools; if the latter are successful, the public schools must fail, but if the public schools succeed, they must do so by risking the eternal happiness of the children educated within them.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a Return to the Writ he had issued for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Dundas and Follett, and from which it appeared that William Thomas Mollison, Esq., had been elected in pursuance of such Writ.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Haines, by leave of the Assembly moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Tuesday" next at four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Dr. Evans moved as an amendment that the word "Tuesday" be omitted from the above question and the word "Friday" inserted instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Beaver,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Moore,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Forlonge, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

Noes, 25.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Humffray, }

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House do now adjourn until Friday next at four o'clock—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House adjourned at eighteen minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Friday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 47.

FRIDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. Mr. Haines moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 9th March next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon the House adjourned at eighteen minutes past four o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 48.

TUESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the chair.
2. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. Haines, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon the Assembly, at twenty-five minutes to five o'clock, adjourned until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 49.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. ISSUE OF WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced to the House that he had this day issued Writs for the election of members to serve for the undermentioned electoral districts, viz. :—
Kilmore, in the place of the Honorable J. O'Shanassy ;
Collingwood, in the place of the Honorable Geo. Harker ;
St. Kilda, in the place of the Honorable H. S. Chapman ;
Castlemaine, in the place of the Honorable R. D. Ireland ;
Villiers and Heytesbury, in the place of the Honorable C. Gavan Duffy ;
Richmond, in the place of the Honorable G. S. Evans, LL.D. ; who have severally accepted places of profit under the Crown.
3. POWER TO COMMITTEES TO MEET DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—On the motion of Mr. Haines, leave was given to the Select Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, to meet to-morrow, and
On the motion of Mr. Fellows, leave was given to the Committee appointed to enquire into Capt. MacMahon's case to hold their sittings during the adjournment of the Assembly.
4. ASSENT TO BILLS.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Usher of the Legislative Council.

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, when His Excellency was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the several Public Bills following, viz. :—

" An Act to appropriate the Consolidated Revenue toward the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and for other purposes."

" An Act for an Assessment on Stock."

" An Act to give further remedies to Creditors against Debtors removing from any other of the Australasian Colonies to the Colony of Victoria."

5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until the 8th day of April next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE.—Mr. Duffy moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Federal Committee be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and that they be requested to concur with the Assembly in the appointment of delegates to the Australian Conference.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
" Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,"
" Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report," until Thursday, 8th April next; and
" Supreme Court Sittings Bill—Second reading,"
" 'Crown' Explanation Bill—Second reading,"
" Law of Arrest Amendment Bill—Second reading,"
" Audit Act Amendment Bill—Second reading,"
" Municipal Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee,"
" Oakleigh Water Supply—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,"
" Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill—Second reading,"
" Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Third reading,"
" Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,"
" Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—Adoption of Report," until Friday, 9th April next.

Assembly adjourned at seventeen minutes to five o'clock until four o'clock on Thursday, 8th April next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 50.

THURSDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. UNION BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Horne, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. RETURNS TO WRITS.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received returns to the Writs issued by him for the election of Members to serve for the several electoral districts next hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—Kilmore, St. Kilda, Collingwood, Castlemaine, Villiers and Heytesbury, and Richmond, by which it appeared that the following Members had been duly returned for the several districts as under, viz. :—
John O'Shanassy, Esq., for the electoral district of Kilmore,
H. S. Chapman, Esq., for the electoral district of St. Kilda,
George Harker, Esq., for the electoral district of Collingwood,
R. D. Ireland, Esq., for the electoral district of Castlemaine,
C. Gavan Duffy, Esq., for the electoral district of Villiers and Heytesbury,
G. S. Evans, Esq., LL.D., for the electoral district of Richmond,
and the said John O'Shanassy, H. S. Chapman, George Harker, R. D. Ireland, C. Gavan Duffy, and G. S. Evans, having severally taken the Oath, took their seats as Members for the said several electoral districts.
4. NEW MEMBER.—W. Thos. Mollison, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the Oath, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Dundas and Follett.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented, in pursuance of Resolutions of Legislative Assembly, on the 24th November, 1857—
Coal Fields.—Report relative to Borings made at Cape Patterson, with plans.
Report of the Survey of Anderson's Inlet, with plan.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Importation of Live Stock.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 5th February, 1858, for
 - (1.) A Return of the stock slaughtered during 1857, as compiled from the Registers of Inspectors of Stock.
 - (2.) A Return of the Wool exported in the year 1857; whether in grease or washed, and where produced.
 - (3.) A Return of the number and description of Stock brought from New South Wales across the River Murray during the year 1857, as well as from South Australia.
 - (4.) A Return of all Stock exported from Victoria.
 - (5.) A Return of the amount of existing Mortgages under the "Lien on Stock Act," and the date of payment of those mortgages.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
Federal Union of Australian Colonies.—Copy letter from the Government of Tasmania.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. O'Shanassy also presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Sanitary Station.—Chief Medical Officer's Report on the Sanitary Station for the year 1857.
Health Officer—Report for the half-year ending 31st December, 1857.
Immigration from the United Kingdom—Summary Report of Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners of Emigration from the United Kingdom to Victoria during the year 1857.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Harker presented—
Finance—Balance sheet for the year, from 1st January, 1856, to 31st December 1856.
Ordered to be printed.

6. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions against the attempt now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the public houses on the Lord's day were presented, as follows:—

By Mr. Heales—From certain Inhabitants of Sandhurst and its neighborhood.

By Mr. Moore—From the Citizens of Melbourne and its suburbs.

By Mr. Service—From the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Chapel, North Melbourne.

By Dr. Evans, from the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Chapel, Richmond.

By Mr. Wilkie—

From the Congregation assembling in the Wesleyan Chapel, Saltwater River.

From the Wesleyan Congregation, Footscray.

From the Wesleyan Congregation, Flemington.

From the Wesleyan Congregation, Township of Albion.

By Mr. Langlands—

From the Members of the First Independent Church and Congregation, Collins-street.

From the Congregation worshipping in Oxford-street Independent Chapel, Collingwood.

From the Victoria-parade Congregational Church.

From Robert Williams Pohlman, styling himself chairman of a public meeting of certain citizens of Melbourne.

By Dr. Embling—

From the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Church, Brunswick-street, Collingwood.

From the Wesleyan Congregation worshipping in Rose-street, Collingwood.

From the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Church, Charles-street, Collingwood.

By Mr. Beaver—

From the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Church, Boroondara.

By Mr. Chapman—

From certain Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, Charles-street, Prahran.

From certain Members of the Independent Church and Congregation, Prahran.

By Mr. Heales—

From certain Inhabitants of Portland and its vicinity.

From certain Members of the Church and Congregation of Wesleyans worshipping in Mickleham.

From the Wesleyan Congregation, Brunswick.

From Thomas Roberts, styling himself chairman of a meeting of the Melbourne Total Abstinence Society.

From the Baptist Church and Congregation at Brighton.

From the Geelong Band of Hope, and others.

From certain Members and Friends of the Temperance League of Victoria.

By Mr. Wood—From certain Members and Friends of the Wesleyan Church, Beechworth.

By Mr. Fellows:—

From the Wesleyan Church and Congregation of St. Kilda.

From certain Members of the Church of England, St. Kilda.

From certain Members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Prahran.

By Mr. Moore:—

From the Members and adherents of the Baptist Congregation, Collins-street east.

From certain Members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Collins-street.

By Capt. Clarke:—

From the Congregation worshipping in the Wesleyan Chapel, Sandridge.

From the Congregation assembling in the Wesleyan Chapel, Emerald Hill.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Harker presented a Petition from Thomas Rae, styling himself chairman of a public meeting of certain inhabitants of Collingwood, praying that the House would pass without delay the Education Bill now before the Assembly.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Petitions were presented by Mr. Colin Campbell—

From certain Inhabitants of the township and district of Gisborne, praying that the clause in the Education Bill prohibiting religious instruction in the proposed National Schools might be expunged, or that the Education Bill might be rejected.

From various Members of the Educational Institute of Victoria, and others, teachers of public schools, praying that no restriction might be placed by any measure to be passed by this House on the right of the people to receive, and the duty and consequent right of the Public School Teacher to impart religious instruction to the pupils committed to his care.

From certain Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, and vicinity.

From the Parents and Guardians of Children attending the Schools connected with St. Mark's Parish, Melbourne, and others.

From certain members of the United Church of England residing at Mount Ararat, and its vicinity.

Praying that the resolution in the Education Bill to prevent religious instruction being imparted in the Public Schools might be rescinded.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Ebden presented a Petition from David E. Wilkie, M.D., styling himself President of the Medical Society of Victoria, praying the House to pass the Bill for more effectual Registration of Medical Practitioners, with a provision for the annual election of the medical board by and from the members of the medical profession resident in Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. PETITION.—Mr. Speaker announced that there had been deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly a Petition from certain persons styling themselves the Committee of the proposed new Municipality of New Town and Chilwell, praying the House to refuse to pass the Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill, contrary to their Petition, and to the injury of the Ratepayers of New Town and Chilwell.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Wednesday, 13th April instant.
"Publicans' Law Amendment Bill—Second reading."
"Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report."

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

HENRY BARKLY,

Message No. 4.

Governor.

The Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of the sum of £250,000, from the consolidated revenue, as an advance for meeting expenditure for railway purposes, such sum to be repaid out of the proceeds of debentures, to be issued from time to time, under the authority of the Act 21 Victoria No. 36.

Melbourne, 8th April, 1858.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration this day.

10. APPROPRIATION FOR RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.—The Message of His Excellency the Governor, presented this day, having been read—

Mr. Harker moved, That Standing Order No. CCLXXIX. be suspended.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Harker then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of His Excellency's Message presented this day.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Aspinall reported that the Committee had come to the following resolution—which was read and agreed to and is as follows :—

That this Committee is of opinion that the sum of £250,000 ought to be appropriated out of the consolidated revenue as an advance for meeting expenditure for railway purposes, such sum to be repaid out of the proceeds of debentures, under the authority of the Act 21 Victoria No. 36.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, by leave of the Assembly, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Assembly adjourned at fourteen minutes after six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 51.

TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions against the attempt now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the public houses on the Lord's Day were presented as follows:—
 - By Mr. Harker, from the North Collingwood Independent Church and Congregation.
 - By Mr. Heales, from certain members and adherents of the United Presbyterian Congregation, Protestant Hall, Melbourne.
 - By Mr. Heales, from the inhabitants of Pentridge.
 - By Mr. Heales, from Erskine United Presbyterian Church, Lonsdale-street east.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Dr. Owens presented a Petition from J. B. Humfray, styling himself Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Electoral Districts of North Grant and North Grenville, praying the House would take such measures as would secure to those districts their full quota of representation, and in such convenient divisions as to this House might seem meet.

Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Aspinall presented a Petition from certain Colonists, praying this House to take into its favorable consideration the propriety of so altering the Laws as to place the public in this Colony on the same footing as regards accommodation for procuring refreshments on Sundays as the people of England, with this exception, that the public entrance to the bar of each house be kept strictly closed.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Wilkie presented a Petition from certain Church of England Sunday School Teachers in Melbourne and its vicinity, praying that the Education Bill might not be allowed to pass into a law.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. CAPTAIN MAC MAHON'S CASE.—Mr. Aspinall moved, by leave of the Assembly, That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, requesting the Council will give leave to the Honorable W. H. F. Mitchell, a Member of the said Council, to attend the Committee of the Assembly on Captain Mac Mahon's case, in order to be examined and to give evidence before such Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

4. SELECT COMMITTEES.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the vacancies created in the following Committees be filled up in the manner hereafter mentioned, viz. :—

Standing Orders—Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Evans;

Library—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gavan Duffy;

Federal Union—Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harker, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Evans;

Parliament Houses—Mr. Gavan Duffy;

Lunatic Asylum—Mr. O'Shanassy;

McGregor's Case—Mr. Chapman, Mr. Harker;

Captain Mac Mahon's Case—Dr. Evans;

Union Bank Bill—Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Chapman;

Ballaarat Riots—Bentley's Hotel—Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Harker.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

5. **ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.**—Mr. Chapman having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Electoral Districts of Victoria, and to provide an increase of the number of members of the House of Assembly, brought up a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to alter the Electoral Districts of Victoria, and to provide for an Increase of the Members of the Legislative Assembly thereof,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chapman moved, That the second reading of this Bill be an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. **GRANTS OF CROWN LANDS WITHOUT PURCHASE.**—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That irrespective of Church or School Grants, and pending the settlement of the Land Question, it is the opinion of this House that no promise or grant of land without purchase be made until the application for the same shall have been laid ten days before both Houses of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

7. **MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have given leave to the Honorable William Henry Fancourt Mitchell to attend as a witness and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed in the present session to consider the case of Captain Mac Mahon, if he be so willing, as requested by the Message from the Legislative Assembly received on the 13th instant.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
13th April, 1858.

8. **GRANT OF CROWN LAND TO FREE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD, LEXTON.**—Captain Clarke moved, pursuant to notice, for copies of the correspondence between the Free Presbyterian Synod of Victoria and Her Majesty's Government relating to the appointment of Trustees for the grant of the site set apart for that body at Lexton.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

9. **PAPERS.**—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—

Grant of Crown Land to Free Presbyterian Synod, Lexton.—Return to the above motion.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

10. **GEELONG GAS BILL.**—Mr. Brooke moved, pursuant to notice, That the prayer of the second Petition from the Members of the Provisional Committee of the Geelong Gas Company be granted.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brooke then moved, That the Geelong Gas Company's Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Brooke, the Assembly ordered that Standing Orders Nos. 114 and 134, relating to private Bills, be suspended.

Mr. Brooke then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members :—Mr. Board, Mr. Blair, Mr. Myles, Mr. Everard, Mr. Quarterman, Mr. Hughes, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.**—Dr. Embling moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the whole House Friday, 16th April instant.

12. **NICHOLSON-STREET.**—Mr. Heales moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £5,000 for the purpose of forming and making that portion of Nicholson-street which lies between the metalled portions, a part of which is within the city boundary.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 6.
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Heales, }
 Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 29.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Moore, }
 Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **ENGLISH MAIL CONTRACT**—Mr. Forlonge moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the imperfect manner in which the Contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between Australia and England has been carried out by the Australian and European Steam Navigation Company has been such as to call for the most decided expression of dissatisfaction on the part of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Forlonge then moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That inasmuch as the conditions of the Contract have been so palpably violated in spirit and in fact, this House deems it expedient that steps be taken suggesting to the Imperial Government the expediency of annulling the present Contract.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. **UNION BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL**.—The amendments made by the Select Committee in this Bill having been read by the Clerk, Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, That these amendments be now agreed to.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill ordered to be read a third time on Friday, 16th April instant.

15. **MR. ADAMSON**.—Mr. Michie moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of the House a Copy of the Correspondence between the Law Officers of the Crown and Mr. Adamson, relative to the dismissal of that gentleman from the office of Prosecuting Barrister for Melbourne; also, a copy of any minute or other document transmitted from the Executive Council to the Law Officers, authorising or relating to such dismissal.

Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock,

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1858.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

16. **PAPERS**.—Mr. Chapman presented—

Mr. Adamson.—Return to the above Order.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

17. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**.—The Assembly ordered that the following Orders of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—

“*Audit Act Amendment Bill—Second reading.*”

“*Municipal Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

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

- “ *Supreme Court Sittings Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow ;
- “ ‘*Crown*’ *Explanation Bill—Second reading,*” until this day ;
- “ *Law of Arrest Amendment Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow ;
- “ *Oakleigh Water Supply—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,*”
- “ *Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill—Second reading,*” and
- “ *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill—Third reading,*” until this day ;
- “ *Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee,*” until Tuesday, 20th April instant ;
- “ *Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until to-morrow.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes past one o'clock until four o'clock p.m. this day.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 52.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1858.

1 Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1858.^{ing made to repeal so much}

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair. on the Lord's Day were presented as follows:—

By Mr. Heales—

From Robert Williams Pohlman, styling himself chairman of a public meeting of certain citizens of Melbourne and its vicinity.

From the members and adherents of the Scots Church, Collins-street, Melbourne.

By Mr. O'Shanassy—From the Members and Friends of the Primitive Methodist Church, Kilmore.

By Mr. Smith—From the Congregation and Parishioners of St. John's, Melbourne.

By Dr. Thomson—

From certain Inhabitants of Geelong.

From W. J. McKellar, styling himself chairman of a public meeting of the inhabitants of Geelong.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Aspinall presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the township of Kyneton, praying the House to take the different allegations set forth in the Petition into consideration, and for protection for their capital there invested, and that no estoppel be placed on its further employment.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the Notices of Motion for to-day:—

"Electoral Districts alteration Bill—Second reading."

4. MR. J. G. M. WIGLEY.—Mr. Humfray moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for this year the sum of £166 19s., as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly on his case.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Humfray, } Tellers.
Mr. Snodgrass, }

Noes, 19.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebdon,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Adamson, } Tellers.
Mr. Heales, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mollison moved, That the debate on this Bill be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question—That the debate on this Bill be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Ware,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,

Mr. Harker, } Tellers.
Mr. Harker, }

Noes, 5.

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Adamson, } Tellers.
Mr. Forlonge, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Haines moved, That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“*Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report.*”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Snodgrass moved, That the above Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper.

Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock,

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1858.

Debate continued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

“*Publicans' Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,*” and

“*Crown' Explanation Bill—Second reading,*” until to-morrow.

8. OAKLEIGH WATER SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole, of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £400 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, for the purpose of supplying the township of Oakleigh with water, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Ricardo Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution,
Ordered—That the Report be received this day.

9. GEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Dr. Thomson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.

Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Bills Nos. 114 and 134, be suspended.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Dr. Thomson then moved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Brooke, Mr. Board, Mr. Myles, Mr. Wills, Mr. Sladen, and the Mover, three to form a quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Greeves, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Greeves moved, That the following be the Title of the Bill—

*“An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to establish a Board of Commissioners
“for the better Sewerage and Drainage of the City of Melbourne and for
“supplying Water thereto and to the suburbs thereof.”*

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the above Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.

Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock until four o'clock p.m. this day.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
No. 53.

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Harker presented a Petition from Samuel Turner, styling himself Chairman *pro tem.* of the Municipal Council of East Collingwood, praying that the House would be pleased so to apportion the Electoral Divisions of East Collingwood, whose computed population now exceeds thirteen thousand, that it may be entitled to send three representatives to the Legislative Assembly.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from the Members and Adherents of John Knox's Congregation, Melbourne, praying the House to resist the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing Law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord's Day.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Chapman moved, That the Committee have leave to sit again Tuesday, 20th April instant.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. HAMILTON PETITION.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Hamilton and its suburbs be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Reform Bills.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. COAL.—Mr. Hughes moved, pursuant to Notice, the re-appointment of the Coal Committee, to consist of the following gentlemen :—Mr. Brooke, Capt. Clarke, Mr. Horne, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Humffray, Mr. Duffy, and the Mover ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. LAW OF ARREST AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Service moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under :—
“ *Supreme Court Sittings Bill—Second reading,*” and
“ *Law of Arrest Amendment Bill—Second reading,*” until Tuesday, 20th April instant ;
“ *Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until Friday, 23rd April instant ; and
“ *Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report,*” until Tuesday, 20th April instant.
8. MR. J. G. M. WIGLEY.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for this year the sum of £166 19s., as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly on his case having been read—On the motion of Mr. Humffray, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock,

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1858.

- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain resolution,
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
9. OAKLEIGH WATER SUPPLY.—Mr. Aspinall reported, from a Committee of the whole, a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—
Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the sum of £400 to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, for the purpose of supplying the Township of Oakleigh with water.
Assembly adjourned at thirty minutes past twelve o'clock until four o'clock p m. this day.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 54.

FRIDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Mr. Fellows, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That the following Order of the Day be discharged from the paper :—
“ *Supreme Court Sittings Bill—Second reading.*”
3. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—Mr. Fellows, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Harker, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Sitwell, Mr. Service, Mr. Horne, Mr. Wood, Mr. Grant, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mollison, and the Mover, with power to take evidence and to sit during the adjournment of the House ; three to form a quorum.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions against the attempt now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord’s Day, were presented as follows :—
By Mr. Greeves—From certain Members of the Melbourne Mechanics’ Institution.
By Mr. Heales—
From the Members and Adherents of the United Presbyterian Church, Emerald Hill.
From certain Operatives in the employ of John Sinclair, contractor.
From the Inhabitants of Preston.
From certain Members and Friends of the Temperance League of Victoria, residing at Richmond.
From certain Laborers in the Stone Quarries at Brunswick.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
5. PRINTING REPORT —Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from this Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
6. JOHNSTON-STREET BRIDGE.—Dr. Embling moved, pursuant to notice—
(1.) That the prolonged discontinuance of the works necessary to the completion of the Johnston-street Bridge, East Collingwood, is most detrimental to the interests of the district.
(2.) That it is the duty of the Government, without further delay, to resume the said works, and to render the Bridge and its approaches fit for traffic.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
7. RYRIE-STREET DRAIN.—Dr. Embling moved, pursuant to notice, That the sum of £3,000 lately voted for the Ryrie-street drain, Collingwood, should be appropriated to the purpose for which the grant was originally asked, namely, to provide for the carrying off the storm water which pours down from the high lands to the north and north-west of the Collingwood district, and that such appropriation be made without delay, to prevent the danger to life and destruction to property which must ensue if the work be not accomplished before the winter sets in.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
8. ROAD DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS.—Mr. Sitwell having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the adoption of an uniform rate of assessment in road districts, brought up a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for the adoption of an uniform rate of Assessment in Road Districts, on all lands, messuages, and tenements not being waste lands of the Crown,*” and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Friday, 30th April instant.

- 9 CROWN LANDS BILL.—Mr. Service moved, pursuant to notice, That in consideration of the vast importance of the Land Question, and the desirability of securing a speedy settlement of the same in such manner as will be satisfactory to the country, it is desirable, in the opinion of this House, that the Government should (prior to the dissolution of Parliament) lay upon the Table of the House a Bill shewing their proposed mode of dealing with the Crown Lands, so that the country may have the opportunity at the ensuing General Elections of pronouncing distinctly thereon.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

- 10 GRANT FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.—Mr. Colin Campbell moved, pursuant to *amended* notice:—

(1.) That this House will on Tuesday next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to make provision for the maintenance, during the last six months of the present year, of Elementary Public Schools, by placing on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858 the sum of £75,000, to be divided between the Denominational and National School Boards, according to the average attendance of scholars in the schools of each Board at the end of 1857.

(2.) That no grants exceeding £100 should be made in aid of school buildings and new schools unless half the cost shall be locally subscribed.

(3.) That sites of Crown Lands should be granted for the erection of school buildings, subject to the regulations of the Governor in Council.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. UNION BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Speaker having reported that the Clerk of Assembly had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported, Bill, on the motion of Mr. Sitwell, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Sitwell then moved that the following be the title of the Bill:—

*“ An Act more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the Colony of Victoria by
“ and against a certain Banking Company, called the Union Bank of Aus-
“ tralia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”*

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

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

“ Medical Practitioners Bill—To be committed,” until Friday, 23rd April instant.

“ Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading,” and

“ ‘ Crown’ Explanation Bill—Second reading,” until Wednesday, 21st April instant; and

“ Mr. J. G. M. Wigley—Resolution in Committee to be reported,” until Tuesday, 20th April instant.

Assembly adjourned at seventeen minutes past six o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
No. 55.

TUESDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—Mr. Fellows, by leave of the Assembly, brought up a Progress Report from the Committee to which this Bill was referred.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.
3. PETITIONS.—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of St. Peter's Parish, Melbourne, praying the House to resist the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing Law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord's Day.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Service presented a Petition from Francis John Bligh, styling himself Vice-President of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying the House to pass the Bill "to amend the Law of Arrest on Mesne Process."
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Dr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain Colonists in Geelong and neighbourhood, praying that such alteration might be made in the Law regulating the Sale of Liquors, as would place them on the same footing as the population of Great Britain.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from the Congregational Church, St. Kilda, praying the House to resist the attempt that is now being made to repeal so much of the existing Law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord's Day.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. G. W. Johnson presented a Petition from Edward Walter Kelly, styling himself Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors and Inhabitants of the District of the Kyneton Boroughs, praying the Assembly to take their case into consideration and permit them to possess those rights and privileges which they have heretofore enjoyed, by being represented in this House by a member for their own district and not have them curtailed instead of increased as they were led to expect by the provisions of the liberal Bill now before this House
Petition read by the Clerk and ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Snodgrass presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Electoral Districts of Kilmore, Dalhousie, and Anglesey, praying that the following districts and counties in Kilmore, Dalhousie District, as at present defined, and the whole of the County of Anglesey, including Seymour and Avenel, containing a population of 9539, be formed into one electoral district, to return at least two members.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Mr. Haines, Chairman, brought up the Report from this Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and together with the Minutes of Evidence and Appendices, to be printed.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—
Melbourne and Murray River Railway.—Report of the Engineer-in-Chief on a proposed deviation in the line of Railway from Melbourne to the Murray, in the Black Forest.
Ordered to be printed.
Melbourne Sewerage and Water Supply.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 12th January, 1858, for—
A Return of Expenditure by the Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply on the Waterworks for the City of Melbourne, distinguishing the temporary from the permanent works.
Also, the amount expended by the Survey Department on the various surveys required for these works.
Also, the amount expended by the Road Department in connection with these works.
Also, the various sums advanced by the Government in respect to these works, and the amount still due on this account.
Also, the various sums received by the Commissioners on Debentures and other Securities; and the amount now owing, and the total amount paid for interest on the same.
Also, the amount received by the Commissioners from companies and private individuals.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. O'Shanassy presented—

Mr. David Armstrong.—Copies of all the Correspondence between Mr. David Armstrong (late Police Inspector at McIvor) and the Government from the month of April, 1853, to April, 1856, inclusive.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. O'Shanassy also presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—

Chief Medical Officer.—Return of Diseases in the various Establishments under the charge of the Chief Medical Officer for the year 1857.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. REFORM BILL PETITIONS.—On the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, the Assembly ordered that the several Petitions presented to this House on the subject of the Reform Bill be referred to the Committee of the whole on that Bill.

7. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. BALLAARAT EAST WATER BILL.—Mr. Humfray moved, pursuant to notice, That the prayer of the petition from Munday Wilson and David Jones, Municipal Councillors, Ballaarat East, praying that the following Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, viz., IV., VII., XIX., XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XLV., C., and CI., be suspended, in order to enable the petitioners to cause a Bill to be introduced for the purpose of repealing Bye-law No. VII. of Municipal Council of Ballaarat, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and that leave be given to bring in the said Bill.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Heales moved, That this debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question—That this debate be now adjourned—put and negatived.

Debate further continued.

Question—That the prayer of the petition from Munday Wilson and David Jones, Municipal Councillors, Ballaarat East, praying that the following Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, viz., IV., VII., XIX., XX., XXI., XXII., XXIII., XLV., C., and CI., be suspended—put and negatived.

9. COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS AND WATER SUPPLY AND MR. ARMSTRONG.—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to notice, for copies of all correspondence between the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply and Mr. Armstrong, lately Solicitor to the Board.

Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock p.m.,

WEDNESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1858.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Grant having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to abolish Imprisonment for Debt*," and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Thursday, 22nd April instant.

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

"*Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee*," until Tuesday, 27th April instant, and

"*Law of Arrest Amendment Bill—Second reading*."

"*Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report*."

"*Grants for School Purposes—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee*," and

"*Mr. J. G. M. Wigley—Resolution in Committee to be reported*," until this day.

Assembly adjourned at eighteen minutes past twelve o'clock until four o'clock p.m. this day.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 56.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—The following Petitions against the attempt now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of public-houses on the Lord's day, were presented by Mr. Heales :—
 - From certain members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Little Brighton.
 - From certain members of the Wesleyan Congregation, Great Brighton.
 - From certain members and friends of the Temperance League of Victoria, residing at Mount Gambier and other places.
 - From certain inhabitants of Moorabbin.
 - From the Presbyterian Congregation, Brighton.
 - From certain members of the Wesleyan Congregation, East Brighton.
 Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
3. CITY OF MELBOURNE AND EMERALD HILL CORRESPONDENCE.—Mr. Langlands, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Committee appointed to inquire into this case. Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the Minutes of Evidence, to be printed.
4. PAPERS.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—
 - Mr. Clement Wills—Report of Board on charges brought by Mr. Bruce, contractor.
 Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. MAP OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS.—Mr Heales moved, by leave of the Assembly, That the Government be requested to furnish Members of the Legislature with a Map showing the Electoral Divisions of the Colony as described in the amended Schedule annexed to the Reform Bill now before this Assembly.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
6. BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to establish a Board of Land and Works, brought up a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to establish a Board of Land and Works,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. MAIN TRUNK LINE OF RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Main Trunk Line of Railway Act," brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act passed in the last session of Parliament intituled 'An Act to authorise the construction of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Melbourne to the River Murray and of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Geelong to Ballaarat'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Friday, 23rd April instant.
8. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 - The Chairman reported that the Committee had made progress in this Bill, and that he was directed to move, That he have leave to sit again.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 - Mr. Chapman moved, That the Chairman have leave to sit again this day.
 - Debate ensued.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—Mr. Fellows moved, pursuant to notice, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee on the Supreme Court Sittings Bill, to take evidence and report upon the days most convenient for holding the Assizes and General Sessions of the Peace throughout the Colony, as well as the Terms and all Sittings of the Supreme Court in Melbourne in the various branches of its jurisdiction.
 - Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—Mr Fellows moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Fellows moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
 Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
 And on the further motion of Mr. Fellows, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 23rd April instant:—
“Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.”
12. CROWN EXPLANATION BILL.—Capt. Clarke moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second “time.”

A point of Order having been raised, That as it is sought by this Bill to explain and amend a Private Act, it ought to have been treated as a Private Bill; and after discussion thereon, Mr. Speaker ruled, That as nothing appears on the face of the Bill from which it can be declared to apply to any particular Private Bill or Bills, it must be treated as a Public one,—in which ruling the House concurred.

Mr. Greeves moved, as an amendment, That the word “now” be omitted from the above question, and the words “this day six months” added after the word “time.”
 Debate ensued.

The Petition from the Directors of the Melbourne and Hobson’s Bay Railway Company, presented to this House 3rd day of February last, read by the Clerk.

Question—That the word “now,” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.
 Assembly divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. R. D. Ireland,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O’Brien,
 Mr. O’Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 13.

Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Harker, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—
 Bill read a second time.

Captain Clarke moved, That this Bill “be” now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Greeves moved as an amendment, That all the words after the word “be” be omitted with a view of inserting in lieu thereof the words “referred to a Select Committee.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.
 Assembly divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. C. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. O’Brien,
 Mr. O’Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 16.

Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Harker, }

And the Tellers having declared the numbers for the ayes and for the noes to be respectively sixteen, or equal, Mr. Speaker gave his voice with the ayes, and declared the question to be resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the Assembly 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, 27th April instant.

13. LAW OF ARREST AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Service moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second “time.”

Mr. Grant moved, That the word “now” be omitted, and the words “this day six months” be added after the word “time.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes 12.

Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Board,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebdon,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Service,
Mr. C. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. G. W. Johnson, }

Noes, 15.

Mr. Aspinall,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Snodgrass, } Tellers.
Dr. Owens, }

And so it passed in the negative.

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

“*Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report.*”

“*Electoral Districts Alteration Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

15. GRANTS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole Assembly of—

(1.) The propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to make provision for the maintenance, during the last six months of the present year, of Elementary Public Schools, by placing on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858 the sum of £75,000, to be divided between the Denominational and National School Boards, according to the average attendance of scholars in the schools of each Board at the end of 1857.

(2.) That no grants exceeding £100 should be made in aid of school buildings and new schools unless half the cost shall be locally subscribed.

(3.) That sites of Crown Lands should be granted for the erection of school buildings, subject to the regulations of the Governor in Council—having been read—On the motion of Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

16. MR. J. G. M. WIGLEY.—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the sum of £166 19s. to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on his case.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-five minutes to ten o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 57.

THURSDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Aspinall presented a Petition from certain Licensed Victuallers of the Colony of Victoria, praying that such an alteration might be made in the Law relating to the Sale of Liquors on a Sunday as would place them on the same footing as the Licensed Victuallers of England.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from certain Members of the Congregation of Saint Mark's Church, Collingwood, praying the House to resist the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing Law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord's Day.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from Richard Smyth, styling himself Chairman of a Public Meeting at Beechworth, praying the House would declare the Ovens a single constituency to return three Members, and that all registered electors should be at liberty to vote for the said three Members wherever they should reside in the District.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. GEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Dr. Thomson, Chairman of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred, brought up the Report from the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, by leave of the Assembly, That this House do, at its rising this day, adjourn until Tuesday next, at four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MEETING OF COMMITTEES.—On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, leave was given to the Select Committees now sitting to hold meetings to-morrow.
6. BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time
On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the Assembly ordered that this Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Assembly.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 27th April instant.
7. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Mr. Hughes moved, That this Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And on the further motion of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 27th April instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.
8. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—Mr. Grant moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Grant moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Grant, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 27th April instant.

9. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 27th April instant.—Bill as amended to be printed.

10. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 27th April instant:—

“Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report.”

11. GRANTS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows:—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to make provision for the maintenance, during the last six months of the present year, of Elementary Schools, by placing on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, the sum of £60,000, to be divided between the Denominational and National School Boards, in manner following, viz. : £44,000 to the Denominational School Board, and £16,000 to the National School Board.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-six minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 58.

TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Heales presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Melbourne and suburbs, who are in favor of the Homœopathic system of Medicine, praying the House would not sanction the introduction of any clause into the Medical Bill now before the House which should in any degree interfere with the practice of Homœopathy in the Colony of Victoria.
Petition read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Petitions against the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the public houses on the Lord's Day were presented as under, viz. :—
By Mr. Heales—From certain Members and Friends of the Temperance League of Victoria, residing in Melbourne and vicinity.
By Dr. Evans—From certain Inhabitants of Richmond and its vicinity.
By Mr. Langlands—From the Members of the Independent Church and Congregation, Richmond.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
The following Petitions, praying the House not to pass any Bill legalizing Sunday traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as under :—
By Mr. Quarterman—From certain Inhabitants of Horsham and vicinity.
By Mr. Moore—From Mr. Langlands, styling himself Chairman of the Inhabitants of Collingwood and neighborhood, in Public Meeting assembled.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Langlands presented a Petition from Archibald Simpson, styling himself Moderator of the Free Synod of Victoria, praying the House to take the statements set forth in the Petition into consideration, and to pass the Marriage Bill with as little delay as possible.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Quarterman presented a Petition from Andrew Rutherford, of Colac, in the Colony of Victoria, praying the House to adopt the necessary steps for postponing the sale of certain lands referred to in the Petition; and that the House would be pleased to appoint a Committee, or adopt such other procedure as might be deemed expedient, for the purpose of investigating the claim of the Petitioner in respect of the matters referred to in the Petition.
Petition read by the Clerk, and ordered to lie on the Table.
Dr. Owens presented a Petition from certain farmers, market gardeners, and others, residing in the township of Lockwood, and in Bullock Creek, praying that certain reserves in their locality might be used in accordance with their obvious intent, viz., for the benefit of the agricultural population.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the second Order for to-day :—
“ Board of Land and Works Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.”
4. ELECTORAL DISTRICTS ALTERATION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Chapman the several amendments made in this Bill were read and agreed to.
Mr. 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. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Chapman then moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
“ An Act to alter the Electoral Districts of Victoria and to increase the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly thereof.”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That Mr. Aspinall do carry the above Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence therein.

5. BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.

6. MAIN TRUNK RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered—That the said Report be received to-morrow.

7. BARNARD WELCH.—Mr. Humffray moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause the sum of £500 to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, for the purpose of paying over the same to Barnard Welch, in accordance with the following advertisement, inserted in the *Government Gazette* of the 24th October, 1854, relative to the death of James Scobie, viz. :—

“ Notice is hereby given that a reward of Five hundred pounds will be paid to any person who will give such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of any parties concerned.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

8. SEAMEN OF THE “TORNADO.”—Mr. Wood moved, pursuant to notice, That inasmuch as Police boats were employed in conveying certain seamen of the *Tornado* in custody from Williamstown to that vessel, this House is of opinion that the Attorney General should take the necessary legal steps for restoring them to liberty at the place whence they were taken in the Police boats.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebdon,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sitwell, }

Noes, 17.

Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Board,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Harker, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Ireland, }

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. GRAZING ON CROWN LAND RESERVES.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Government make notification that all Crown Land Reserves under Her Majesty's Order in Council 9th March, 1847, beyond the Settled Districts as named in the *Gazette* of 24th March, 1853, and in subsequent *Gazettes*, by which certain lands are reserved from the possession of the occupants of the Run, be further reserved from the lessee or occupant of the Run for the free use of the population on all Runs whereon any lands are sold for agricultural or other purposes within the mining districts.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Greeves moved the previous question.

Debate continued.

Question—That this question be now put—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 6.
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr. Owens,
 Capt. Clarke, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 27.
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Phelan,

And so it passed in the negative.

10. CROWN EXPLANATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.
11. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—
"Supreme Court Sittings Bill—Adoption of Report."
13. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Fellows, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved into a Committee of the whole for the re-consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.
14. CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Colin Campbell, the Assembly agreed to the amendments made by the Committee of the whole in this Bill, and ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed as under:—
"Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee," until to-morrow.
"Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report," until Thursday, 29th April instant.
"Medical Practitioners Bill—To be committed," until to-morrow, and
"Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading," until Friday, 30th April instant.

Assembly adjourned at thirteen minutes past eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 59.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Heales presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Melbourne and suburbs, who are in favor of the Homœopathic system of medicine, praying that the House would not sanction the introduction of any clause into the Medical Bill now before the House which should in any degree interfere with the practice of Homœopathy in the Colony of Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Heales presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Melbourne praying that all and equal rights be granted to the Practitioners of the different systems of Medicine, and that they have full powers given them to form Medical Boards of their own to examine students and to grant diplomas.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Petitions against the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing Law as enforces the closing of the Public Houses on the Lord's Day, were presented as under—

By Dr. Evans—From certain Members of the Church of England residing at Richmond.

By Mr. Heales—From the Operatives employed at Wilson's Promontory by P. S. Sinclair, contractor.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Greeves presented a Petition from certain Medical Practitioners at Sandhurst, praying the House would resist the introduction into the country of any Bill, or portion of a Bill, which might give to uneducated men the power of trifling with impunity with the lives of their fellow creatures; and that this House would refuse any mode of entrance to the Medical Profession, which has not demanded a thorough and proper preliminary medical education, with proofs of the same by degrees or diplomas of recognized Schools.

Petition read and ordered to lie on the Table.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—

Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply and John Armstrong, Esq.—Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, dated 20th April, 1858, for copies of correspondence between the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply and John Armstrong, Esq., their late solicitor.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. O'Shanassy presented—

Buckland Riots.—Report of the Board appointed to consider the claims of certain Chinese in the Buckland District to compensation, together with the evidence taken before the Board.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. GEELONG GAS BILL.—Mr. Brooke, Chairman of the Select Committee to which this Bill was referred, brought up the Report from the Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—Mr. Ireland having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the formation of Partnerships with limited liability, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to legalize the formation of Partnerships with Limited Liability*," and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 4th May next.

6. **BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Gavan Duffy, the several amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly were read and agreed to.
- Mr. 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. Gavan Duffy, read a third time.
- Mr. Gavan Duffy moved, That there be inserted in the eleventh line of the said Bill, after the word "President," the words "The Responsible Minister of Land and Works."
- Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Ebdon moved, That the word "be" be omitted from the sixteenth line of the said Bill, and the words "act as" inserted instead thereof.
- Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Bill—put and negatived.
- Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted, put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Question—That this Bill do now pass, put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Mr. Gavan Duffy then moved, That the following be the Title of the Bill :—
- "An Act to amend An Act to establish a Board of Land and Works."*
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.
7. **MAIN TRUNK RAILWAYS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. 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. Gavan Duffy, read a third time and passed.
- Mr. Gavan Duffy then moved, That the following be the Title of the Bill :—
- "An Act to amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to authorize the construction of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Melbourne to the River Murray and of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Geelong to Ballaarat'"*
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council and their concurrence desired therein.
8. **MINING SURVEYORS.**—Mr. Lalor moved, pursuant to amended notice, for copies of all the Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and the undermentioned gentlemen on the subject of the appointment of certain gentlemen who have been gazetted Mining Surveyors for the district of Ballaarat, viz :—Between the Government and the Resident Warden; the Government and the several Members of the Mining Board; the Government and the several Mining Surveyors on Ballaarat; the Chairman of the late Local Court and the Government; together with copies of all petitions for and against such appointments.
- Debate ensued.
- Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 4th May next:—
- "Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee;"*
- "Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee."*
- Mr. Horne moved, That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until "to-morrow:"—
- "Crown Explanation Bill—Adoption of Report."*
- Mr. D. S. Campbell moved, as an amendment, That the word "to-morrow" be omitted, and that the words "this day six months" be inserted instead thereof.
- Debate ensued.
- Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Question—That the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until "to-morrow:"—*"Crown Explanation Bill—Adoption of Report"*—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Fellows, the amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly were read and agreed to.
- Mr. 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. Fellows, read a third time.
- Mr. Ireland then moved that the words "on each day of every sittings" be omitted from the first line of Clause XII.
- Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.
- Mr. Ireland then moved, That the following words be inserted after the word "tried" in the second line of Clause XII, viz., "on any day."
- Question—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ireland moved, That the following words be inserted in the third line of Clause XII. after the word "consent" viz., "of the parties thereto, their counsel or attorneys, and not more than three causes, including all adjourned or postponed causes shall be tried on any Saturday except by the like consent."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ireland moved, That the following words be inserted in the third line of Clause XII. after the word "ten," viz., "or five."

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ireland moved, That the following words be inserted in the same line after the word "causes," viz , "as the case may be."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fellows then moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Fellows moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"An Act to fix the Terms Sittings and Holidays of the Supreme Court."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

11. CARELESS USE OF FIRE RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. 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. Harker, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Harker then moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"An Act for preventing the Careless Use of Fire."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

12. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.—Dr. Embling moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole house.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wilkie moved, That the further debate on this subject be adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate continued.

Question—That the further debate on this subject be adjourned until to-morrow, by leave, withdrawn.

Question—That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the Assembly 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, 4th May next.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. O'Shanassy, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Wednesday next, at four o'clock.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. MEETINGS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.—On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, leave was given to the Committees to hold their sittings during the adjournment of the House. Assembly adjourned at twenty-two minutes to ten o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday, 5th May next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 60.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RESIGNATION OF SEAT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a letter from Thomas Howard Fellows, Esq., which he read, and is as follows:—

4th May, 1858,
5 o'clock p.m.

SIR,

I beg to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

THO. HOWARD FELLOWS.

And further that he had this day issued a Writ for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of St. Kilda in the place of the said Thomas Howard Fellows.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Messages from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council request the Legislative Assembly will be pleased to communicate to this House Copies of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, in the present Session of Parliament, upon the Bill, intituled, "*An Act more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the Colony of Victoria by and against a certain Banking Company called 'The Union Bank of Australia,' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Melbourne, 4th May, 1858.

On the motion of Mr. Sitwell, the Assembly ordered that a Message, together with a copy of the above Report and Evidence, be transmitted to the Legislative Council.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to particular Friendly Societies,*" to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Melbourne, 4th May, 1858.

Mr. Horne moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 11th May instant.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented—

Lock-up, Sandhurst.—Part Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated the 18th February last, for—

- (1.) A Return of the original cost of the Lock-up on the Camp Hill at Sandhurst, the conditions of the contract, and in what publication advertised, the name of the contractor, the number of alterations and improvements, the expenses of such alterations and improvements, the number of prisoners discharged from it by the stipendiary magistrates for very humanity's sake, the correspondence of Mr. McLachlan and the local head of the police, or either of them, with Captain Mac Mahon on the subject, and the correspondence with the municipal authorities.
- (2.) A Return of all tenders for Police Buildings during Captain Mac Mahon's tenure of office, according to their respective dates, the mode and times of advertising for the same, and the names of the persons whose tenders were accepted.
- (3.) A Return of all Police Buildings erected without tender, with the names of the persons erecting the same, and by whose orders erected.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Gavan Duffy presented—

Railways.—Report of the Professional Board on the Tenders for the Main Lines of Railway.

Geelong and Melbourne Railway.—Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the present Condition of the Geelong and Melbourne Railway.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Harker presented—

Gold.—Concluding Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 17th November, 1857, for a Return showing :—

- (1.) The total amount of gold deposited in each year at the Government Receiving Offices on the Gold Fields, since their first establishment.
- (2.) The total amount of gold brought to Melbourne by Government Escort, during each year for the same period.
- (3.) The total amount of revenue derived from the Gold Fields, showing in each case the Returns for every Gold Field separately.
- (4.) The total amount of export duty on gold to the present time.
- (5.) The total expenditure incurred in the management of the Gold Fields, including cost of gold escort.
- (6.) The total expenditure on public works for each district, including the amount expended on the Mount Alexander and Geelong and Ballarat roads.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

5. PETITION.—Mr. Colin Campbell presented a Petition from certain parishioners of St. James's, Melbourne, praying the House to resist the attempt which is now being made to repeal so much of the existing law as enforces the closing of the public-houses on the Lord's day.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS COMMITTEE.—Mr. Mollison brought up the final Report from this Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed.

7. PARTNERSHIPS LIMITED LIABILITY BILL.—Mr. Ireland having, by leave of the Assembly, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for the formation of Partnerships with a limited liability, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the formation of Partnerships with a limited liability,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—Mr. Ireland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Ireland moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And on the further motion of Mr. Ireland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, for a copy of any correspondence between the manager and directors of the Industrial Society (agricultural department) and the Chief Secretary on the refusal of aid from the grant for agricultural purposes.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. YAN YEAN WATERWORKS.—Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, for a return giving the following information with reference to the Yan Yean Water Supply, viz. :—

- (1.) Amount due to contractors.
- (2.) Amount in the hands of the Agent General, if any.
- (3.) Estimated amount for works in progress and to complete the works.
- (4.) The time when the works will be completed.
- (5.) An explanation of the following errors contained in a return laid on the Table of this House on the 20th April last, relating to the Melbourne Sewerage and Water Supply, viz. :—
 - (1.) The alleged amount due by the Government of £40,700.
 - (2.) The amount of £11,851 16s. 11d. received from the Government more than the cost of the works.
 - (3.) The difference between the statements appearing in sheets 2 and 5, setting forth the amount received from Government as £8,048 1s.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

11. GRANT TO CORPORATION OF MELBOURNE.—Mr. Smith was proceeding to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £40,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the City of Melbourne in repair; such repairs to be executed by the City Council, with the concurrence of the Board;

When Mr. Ebdon rose to a point of order, viz., That this subject had been already decided this Session.

After debate had thereon, Mr. Speaker ruled, That as it was proposed to attain the end by means different to those suggested by the previous motion, he did not consider it the same question; that the motion was in order; and that it might be put.

Mr. Smith then moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £25,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the City of Melbourne in "repair;" such repairs to be "executed" by the City Council, with the concurrence of the Board.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ricardo moved, as an amendment, That there be inserted after the word "repair," in the fifth line of the motion, the following words, viz: "and providing a proper vegetable market;" and that there be inserted after the word "executed" in the same line of the above motion the following words, viz., "and such market to be constructed."

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words "and providing a proper vegetable market" proposed to be inserted be so inserted, put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the words "and such market to be constructed," proposed to be inserted be so inserted, put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £25,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the City of Melbourne in repair, and providing a proper vegetable market; such repairs to be executed, and such market to be constructed, by the City Council, with the concurrence of the Board—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. GRANT TO CORPORATION OF GEELONG.—Dr. Thomson moved, pursuant to *amended contingent* notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £7000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the Town of Geelong in repair; such repairs to be executed by the Town Council, with the concurrence of the Board.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lalor moved, as an amendment, That the words "£7000" be omitted, and the words "£10,500" inserted instead thereof.

Debate continued.

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

Question—That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £7000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the town of Geelong in repair; such repairs to be executed by the Town Council, with the concurrence of the Board—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 13

Mr. Board,
Mr. Brooke,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Smith,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Myles, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Soodgrass,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. G. W. Johnson, }

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **BALLAARAT ROAD.**—Mr. Phelan moved, pursuant to notice, for returns of the amounts of money expended on the Ballaarat road in the year 1857, between Ballan and Bacchus Marsh, the number of miles made, and the expense of each mile; also, the amount of money expended by the District Road Board at Bacchus Marsh, the number of miles made, and the expense of each mile.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

14. **MR. ANDREW RUTHERFORD.**—Mr. Quarterman moved, pursuant to notice, for a Committee to take into consideration the case of Mr. Andrew Rutherford, in accordance with the prayer of the petition from that gentleman, presented on the 27th April instant, and that such Committee shall consist of Mr. Greeves, Mr. Everard, Mr. Lalor, Mr. Heales, Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Quarterman; three to form a quorum.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Board,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Mollison,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

Noes, 21.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
G. W. Johnson, }

And so it passed in the negative.

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

"Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report," until Friday, 7th May instant.

"Road Districts Assessment Bill—Second reading," until to-morrow; and

"Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading," and

"Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee," until Friday, 7th May instant.

16. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On the motion of Mr. Snodgrass, the Assembly ordered that the following order of the day be discharged from the paper :—

"Public Education Bill—To be further considered in Committee;"

17. **CROWN EXPLANATION BILL.**—On the motion of Captain Clarke, the amendment made in this Bill by the Committee of the whole was read and agreed to.

Mr. 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 Captain Clarke, read a third time and *passed.*

Captain Clarke moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"An Act to explain to whom the term ' Crown ' as used in certain cases shall apply."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

18. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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.

19. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.**—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, by leave of the Assembly, That this House do at its rising this day adjourn until Tuesday, 18th day of May instant, and that leave be given to the Committees to sit in the meantime.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Assembly adjourned at seven minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday, 18th May instant.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
No. 61.

TUESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. RETURN TO WRIT.—Mr. Speaker announced that he had this day received a return to the Writ he had issued for the election of a Member for the Electoral District of St. Kilda, by which it appeared that John Branscombe Crews, Esq., had been duly returned in pursuance of such Writ.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council invite the Legislative Assembly to appoint a Committee of five members to confer with a Committee of five members of this House, in order to prepare an Address from the Parliament of Victoria to congratulate Her most gracious Majesty the Queen on the auspicious marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of England with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
18th May, 1858.

On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, the Assembly ordered that the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council on the subject referred to in the above Message, viz.—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Horne, Mr. Haines, Mr. Wood, and Mr. O'Shanassy.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council request that the Legislative Assembly will be pleased to communicate to the Legislative Council, copies of the Report and Proceedings from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly in the present Session of Parliament, upon the Bill intituled "*An Act to Fix the Terms, Sittings, and Holidays of the Supreme Court,*" together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
18th May, 1858.

On the motion of Mr. Mollison the Assembly ordered that a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council with a copy of the above Report.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to authorize the ' construction of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Melbourne to the River Murray ' and of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Geelong to Ballaarat ' "* without any amendment.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
12th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the Colony ' of Victoria by and against a certain Banking Company called the ' Union Bank of ' Australia ' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" without any amendment.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
12th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council transmit to the Legislative Assembly a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws affecting the Solemnization of Marriage,*" to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
12th May, 1858.

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

Additional Estimate, 1858, and Supplementary Estimates, 1857.

HENRY BARKLY,

Message No. 5.

Governor.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly a further Additional Estimate of Expenditure, for the year 1858, and also a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure, for the year 1857, and recommends an appropriation accordingly.

Melbourne, 18th May, 1858.

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

5. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Denominational School Board.—Report of Proceedings for the years 1856–57.
Crown Lands Alienated.—Return of all Lands offered for sale and alienated from the Crown within the Colony of Victoria, from 1st July to the 31st December, 1857; specifying that offered for sale, that withdrawn from sale, that for which no offer was made, that forfeited, that sold at auction, and that alienated by selection and under Pre-emptive right.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. O'Shanassy also presented—
Geological Surveyor's Report.—Report of the Government Geologist on the progress of the Geological Survey of the Colony, accompanied by Maps.
Ordered to be printed.
6. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the eleventh and twelfth Reports from this Committee.
Severally ordered to be printed.
7. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, the Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the paper:—
“Partnerships Limited Liability Bill—Second reading.”
8. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
9. NEW MEMBER.—J. B. Crews, Esq., having been introduced, and having taken the Oath, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of St. Kilda.
10. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Assembly 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.
11. GEELONG NATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to notice, for a return showing—
(1.) The amount expended in the erection of the School called the Geelong National Grammar School; the sum raised by local contribution and the sum granted by the National Board; and the date or dates of the payment of the sum or sums so granted.
(2.) The number of masters employed in such school; the salary paid to each master; the amount of salary paid by local fees; and the amount paid by the National Board.
(3.) The number of children on the books of such school, and their average attendance.
(4.) The character of the religious instruction appointed by the patrons of the school.
(5.) The number of visits (if any), of the clergy of different denominations, for the purpose of affording religious instruction, specifying those of the clergy of each denomination separately.
(6.) All correspondence between the National Board, the patrons of the school, and the local clergy.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. MRS. PEARSE.—Captain Perry moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £150, for a gratuity to the widow of the late James Pearse, who was twenty years Coxswain and Superintendent of the Custom House boats, in Hobson's Bay.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
12. MRS. AUGUST.—Mr. Wilkie moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £500 as compensation for a house built on Government land at Mount Blackwood, and as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. John S. August, who was for above five years in the public service, and who died from a disease brought on by close attention to his official duties.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. **GEE LONG BOUNDARIES BILL.**—On the motion of Dr. Thomson, the amendment made by the Select Committee in this Bill was read and agreed to.

14. **DOCKS.**—Captain Perry moved, pursuant to notice, That it is the opinion of this House that the commercial and general interests of Victoria would be materially promoted by providing docking accommodation adequate to the wants of the Ocean Mail Steamers, Ships of War, and the larger class of Merchant Ships.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Dr. Thomson moved that this House do now adjourn.

Question—put and negatived.

15. **GRANT TO CORPORATION OF MELBOURNE.**—On the motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £25,000 may be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to the credit of the Board of Land and Works, to defray the cost of keeping the streets of the City of Melbourne in repair, and providing a proper vegetable market; such repairs to be executed, and such market to be constructed, by the City Council, with the concurrence of the Board.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.

16. **DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, That the following Order of the day be discharged from the Paper :—

“ Elections Regulations Bill—Adoption of Report.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith moved, That the following Order of the day be discharged from the Paper :—

“ Publicans Law Amendment Bill—Second reading.”

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

“ Road Districts Assessment Bill—Second reading,”

“ Medical Practitioners Bill—To be further considered in Committee;” and

“ Particular Friendly Societies Bill—Second reading,” until to-morrow;

“ Imprisonment for Debt abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee,” until Thursday, 20th May instant.

Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 62.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and having at half-past four o'clock counted the House and a quorum of Members not being present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until to-morrow at four o'clock.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 63.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented—
Friendly Societies.—Return of Societies registered during the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
3. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE, No. 5.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 5, having been read—On the motion of Mr. Harker, Mr Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.
Ordered—That the Report be received to-morrow.
4. RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.—On the motion of Mr. Harker, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of authorising the expenditure during the present year of the sum of £250,000 on account of Railways; such expenditure to be repaid out of a Loan to be raised for Railway Works.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
5. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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. GEELONG GAS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Brooke, the amendments made by the Select Committee in this Bill were read and agreed to.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Brooke moved, pursuant to notice, that Standing Order, No. 140, be suspended, with the view of expediting the third reading of the Geelong Gas Company's Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
8. GEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Mr. Speaker having reported that the Clerk of the Assembly had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported from the Select Committee—Bill, on the motion of Dr. Thomson, read a third time.
Dr. Thomson moved, That the word "schedule" be omitted from the second line of clause II. of this Bill, and the word "schedules" inserted instead thereof.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put and negatived.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Dr. Thomson moved, That the word and letter "and C." be added to clause II.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Dr. Thomson moved, That the word "of" be omitted from the last line of clause III., and the word "to" inserted instead thereof.
Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.
Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Dr. Thomson moved that the following words be omitted from Schedule A, viz:—
Commencing on the north-east angle of allotment fifty-nine parish of Moorpanyal thence by the south side of a Government Road bearing west to the north-west angle of allotment seventy-nine thence by the east side of a Government Road bearing south to the south-west angle of allotment eighty-one thence by the north-east side of a Government Road known as Bate's-ford Road bearing south-easterly to the south-east angle of allotment eighty-one thence by a line bearing south one chain thence by the south side of a Government Road bearing west to the north-west angle of allotment eight of section eight thence by the east side of a Government Road bearing south the south-west angle of allotment one of section eight thence by a line bearing south fifty links to the centre of a Government Road known as Aberdeen Street thence by a line bearing east along the centre

of Aberdeen Street to the centre of La Trobe Terrace thence by a line bearing south along the centre of La Trobe Terrace to the north bank of the River Barwon thence by a line bearing south to the centre of the river thence by a line down the centre of the River Barwon bearing southerly and easterly to a point intersected by the extension of the west side of the Government Road bearing west one chain fifty links from the south-west angle of allotment seven section three in the parish of Moolap thence bearing north by the west side of the said Government Road forming the western boundary of the parish of Moolap to its intersection with Corio Bay thence by Corio Bay bearing westerly and northerly at ordinary low water-mark to the point of commencement.

And that the following words inserted instead thereof, viz. :—

Commencing at a point on Corio Bay bearing north fifty links from the north-east angle of allotment fifty-nine parish of Moorpanyal thence by the centre of a Government Road bearing west to the centre of another Government Road forming the western boundary to allotments seventy-nine and eighty-one thence by the centre of the said Government Road bearing south to its intersection with the north-east side of Bate'sford Road thence by the north-east side of Batesford Road bearing south-easterly to the south-east angle of allotment eighty-one thence by a line bearing south fifty links thence by the centre of a Government Road known as Church Street bearing west to its intersection with the centre of another Government Road forming the western boundary to section eight thence by the centre of the said road bearing south to its intersection with the centre of Aberdeen Street thence by the centre of Aberdeen Street bearing east to the centre of La Trobe Terrace thence by the centre of La Trobe Terrace bearing south to the north bank of the River Barwon thence by a line bearing south to the centre of the river thence by a line down the centre of the River Barwon bearing southerly and easterly to a point intersected by the extension of the west side of the Government Road forming the western boundary to the parish of Moolap thence bearing north by the west side of the said road to its intersection with Corio Bay thence by Corio Bay bearing westerly and northerly at ordinary low water-mark to the point of commencement.

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 resolved in the affirmative.

Dr. Thomson moved, That the following stand as Schedule C. to the Bill :—

SCHEDULE C.

Thirty acres two roods and twenty-two perches for Slaughter Houses and Cattle Markets at Cowie's Creek Parish of Moorpanyal County of Grant—commencing at the north-east angle of suburban allotment number two hundred and seventy-one and bounded on the west by a line bearing south one thousand six hundred and six links thence by a line bearing north eighty-seven degrees east sixty-four links thence by a line bearing north fifty-four degrees east five hundred and thirty-seven links thence by a line bearing due south five hundred and sixty-four links to Corio Bay thence north-easterly by low water mark of Corio Bay to the southern side of the curve to the proposed Railway Jetty thence along the said curve radius eighteen chains westerly to the point of commencement.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Dr. Thomson moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Dr. Thomson moved that the following be the title of the Bill :—

"An Act to restrict the Boundaries of the Town of Geelong and to make further provision for defining the wards thereof."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

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

"Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee," until Tuesday, 25th May instant; and

"Mrs. Pearse—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,"

"Mrs. August—Motion for Address—To be considered in Committee,"

"Road Districts Assessment Bill—Second reading,"

"Medical Practitioners Bill—To be further considered in Committee,"

"Particular Friendly Societies Bill—Second reading," until to-morrow.

10. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—

"Grant to Corporation of Melbourne—Resolution in Committee to be reported."

Assembly adjourned at twenty-six minutes to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 64.

FRIDAY, 21ST MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Harker presented—
Bank Liabilities and Assets.—General abstract of sworn returns of the average liabilities and assets of the several banks of Victoria for the quarter ending 31st March, 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, by leave of the Assembly, That the House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday next at four o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
4. WATER FRONTAGES.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, for a copy of any instructions recently issued by the Board of Land and Works having reference to the reservation of water frontages.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented—
Water Frontages —Return to the above motion.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. ROADS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF GEELONG.—Mr. Wills moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House the sum of £10,000 voted by the Legislative Assembly for the making and repair of certain roads within the present boundaries of the Corporation of Geelong, during the year 1858, should forthwith be expended for such purposes, irrespective of the "*Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill*," now before the Legislature.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
7. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Adamson having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Roads Act, brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend in a certain particular an Act intituled 'An Act for making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, and ordered to be printed.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Adamson moved, That the Standing Orders of the Assembly be suspended, in order to enable the above Bill to pass through all its stages this day.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Adamson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Adamson moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And on the further motion of Mr. Adamson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Assembly ordered that the Bill be read a third time this day.
10. MINING BOARDS.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Sitwell, That this House will on Tuesday resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering an Address to His Excellency, requesting him to cause a sum of £3000 to be placed upon the Estimates, to be divided by monthly payments amongst the members of the Mining Boards, in proportion to the distances they respectively reside from the places at which the Boards of which they are members are held.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. **MINING MACHINERY MORTGAGE BILL.**—Mr Grant having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to make mortgages of plant, machinery, and other chattels used for mining purposes valid without delivery, brought up a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to make mortgages of plant, machinery, and other chattels used for mining purposes valid without delivery,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Wednesday, 26th May instant.
12. **AVOCA BRIDGE.**—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place the sum of £4000 on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to supplement the sum of £2000, on the current Estimates, for the erection of a bridge at Avoca.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **MARRIAGE LAWS CONSOLIDATION BILL.**—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Wednesday, 26th May instant.
14. **GEELONG GAS COMPANY'S BILL.**—Mr. Speaker having reported that the Clerk of Assembly had certified that the fair print of this Bill was in accordance with the Bill as reported—Bill, on the motion of Mr. Brooke, read a third time.
Mr. Brooke moved, That the whole of the words in the 28th and 29th lines of Clause IX. be omitted.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Clause—put and negatived.
Mr. Brooke moved, That the letter "s" be added to the word "expression" in the fourth line of Clause XXV.
Question—That the letter proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Brooke moved, That the words "and the United Kingdom" be inserted after the word "Kingdom" in the 5th line of Clause XXV.
Question—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Brooke moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Brooke moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
"An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Geelong Gas Company' and for other purposes."
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.
15. **ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. 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. Adamson, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Adamson moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—
"An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act for making and improving Roads' in the Colony of Victoria."
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.
16. **ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 1857 AND 1858.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from the Committee of the whole certain resolutions, which were read and agreed to, and are as follow :—
(1.) Resolved—That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-two pounds fifteen shillings and six pence be voted to defray the expenses hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—
Five hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of contingencies of the General Police Force.
Nine hundred and sixty-three pounds towards defraying the expense of salaries and wages in the establishment of Gaols.
Five hundred pounds towards defraying the contingencies in the Medical Establishment.
Sixty thousand pounds towards defraying the expense of Elementary Schools, as next hereinafter mentioned, viz. :—
Forty-four thousand pounds to the Denominational School Board; and
Sixteen thousand pounds to the National School Board.
Three thousand pounds to defray a grant for the formation of a Zoological Society, under Government control.
One hundred and seventy-five pounds towards defraying salaries in the establishment of Clerks of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, and Courts of Insolvency.

One hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of contingencies in the establishment of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Courts of Insolvency, Police Magistrates, Clerks of County Courts, Courts of Mines, General Sessions, Petty Sessions, and Courts of Insolvency.

Seven hundred and twenty-nine pounds three shillings and fourpence to defray the expense of salaries in the establishment of Receivers and Paymasters.

Four hundred and fifty pounds towards defraying the contingencies in the establishment of Receivers and Paymasters.

Twenty-five thousand pounds to defray grant in aid of the Melbourne Municipality, on condition that the expenditure be incurred with the concurrence of the Board of Land and Works.

Forty thousand pounds towards defraying the expense of the maintenance of Roads.

Four hundred and eighteen pounds ten shillings and sixpence towards defraying the expense of buildings, &c., in Melbourne.

Five hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of Marine and River Works.

One thousand pounds to defray the expense of erecting a Court House for Petty Sessions at Avoca.

One thousand pounds towards defraying the expense of Light Houses and Light Vessels.

One thousand three hundred and twelve pounds and ten shillings towards defraying the expense of salaries in the office of the Commissioner of Trade and Customs.

Three hundred and fifty pounds towards defraying the contingencies of the Commissioner's office.

Seventy-seven pounds towards defraying the expense of the Immigration establishment.

Two hundred and sixty-two pounds towards defraying the expense of contingencies in the Immigration establishment.

One thousand and twenty-seven pounds and four shillings towards defraying the expense of salaries in the establishment of the Post Office.

One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six pounds towards defraying the expense of contingencies in the establishment of the Post Office.

Four hundred and sixty-two pounds seven shillings and eightpence towards defraying the expense of Rents and Furniture, and

Three hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of purchasing Standard Weights and Measures.

17. **PARTNERSHIPS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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.

18. **MRS. PEARSE.**—On the motion of Captain Perry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £150, for a gratuity to the widow of the late James Pearse, who was twenty years Coxswain and Superintendent of the Custom House boats, in Hobson's Bay.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the Report be received Wednesday, 25th May instant.

19. **MRS. AUGUST.**—On the motion of Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £500 as compensation for a house built on Government land at Mount Blackwood, and as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. John S. August, who was for above five years in the public service, and who died from a disease brought on by close attention to his official duties.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a certain resolution.

Ordered—That the said resolution be received Wednesday, 26th May instant.

20. **ROAD DISTRICTS ASSESSMENT BILL.**—Mr. Sitwell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Sitwell moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And on the further motion of Mr. Sitwell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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, 26th May instant.

21. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

22. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, 27th May instant:—
“Particular Friendly Societies Bill—Second reading.”

23. **PARTNERSHIPS BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Wednesday, 26th May, instant.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-four minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock on Wednesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 65.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented :—
Lock-up, Sandhurst.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 18th February last, for—
 - (1.) A Return of the original cost of the Lock-up on the Camp Hill at Sandhurst, the conditions of the contract, and in what publication advertised, the name of the contractor, the number of alterations and improvements, the expense of such alterations and improvements, the number of prisoners discharged from it by the stipendiary magistrates for very humanity's sake, the correspondence of Mr. McLachlan and the local head of the police, or either of them, with Captain Mac Mahon on the subject, and the correspondence with the municipal authorities.
 - (2.) A Return of all tenders for Police Buildings during Captain Mac Mahon's tenure of office, according to their respective dates, the mode and times of advertising for the same, and the names of the persons whose tenders were accepted.
 - (3.) A Return of all Police Buildings erected without tender, with the names of the persons erecting the same, and by whose orders erected.Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PETITION.—Dr. Owens presented a Petition from John McIntyre, styling himself Chairman of the Mining Board of Sandhurst, praying the House would allow the Bill "for legalizing liens on mining property" to become law.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. MARRIAGE OF H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ROYAL.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, pursuant to notice, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have appointed a Committee of five members to confer with a Committee of the Legislative Council, in order to prepare an Address from the Parliament of Victoria to congratulate Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the auspicious marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia, and have empowered the Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to confer with the Committee of the Legislative Council on Thursday next, at half-past two o'clock, in the Library of the Parliament.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council.
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council request that the Legislative Assembly will be pleased to communicate to the Legislative Council copies of the Report and Proceedings from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, in the present Session of Parliament, upon the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called 'The Geelong Gas Company,' and for other purposes,*" together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the said Committee.
(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.
Legislative Council Chambers,
Melbourne, 25th May, 1858.
6. GEELONG GAS COMPANY'S BILL.—Mr. Brooke moved, by leave of the Assembly, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, transmitting to them a copy of the Evidence and Proceedings before the Select Committee on this Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

8. **LUNATIC ASYLUM.**—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That this House is of opinion—

- (1.) That a new Lunatic Asylum should be erected on the Reserve at Kew without delay.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting His Excellency to appoint a Royal Commission, comprising medical men and architects, to consider and furnish the Plans of an Institution to be constructed in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Committee ordered to be printed on 20th April, 1858.

Debate ensued.

Question—That a new Lunatic Asylum should be erected on the Reserve at Kew without delay—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting His Excellency to appoint a Royal Commission, comprising medical men and architects, to consider and furnish the Plans of an Institution to be constructed in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Report of the Select Committee ordered to be printed on 20th April, 1858—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

“Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee,”
“Marriage Laws Consolidation Bill—Second reading.”

10. **DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On the motion of Mr. Grant, the Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the paper :—

“Mining Machinery Mortgage Bill—Second reading.”

11. **MRS. PEARSE.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £150, for a gratuity to the widow of the late James Pearse, who was twenty years coxswain and superintendent of the Custom House boats in Hobson's Bay.

12. **MRS. AUGUST.**—Mr. Aspinall reported from a Committee of the whole a certain resolution which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :—

Resolved—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £200, as compensation for a house built on Government land at Mount Blackwood, and as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. John S. August, who was for above five years in the public service, and who died from a disease brought on by close attention to his official duties.

13. **ROADS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration Friday, 28th May instant.—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes to eleven o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 66.

THURSDAY, 27TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented—
Industrial Society.—Return to an Order of the Assembly, dated 5th May instant, for a Copy of any Correspondence between the Manager and Directors of the Industrial Society (Agricultural Department) and the Chief Secretary, on the refusal of aid from the Grant for Agricultural purposes.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. PETITION.—Mr. Crews presented a Petition from the Chairman and Councillors of the Municipality of Prahran, under the Corporate Seal of that Municipality, praying the House to enquire into the various matters contained in the Petition, and grant such relief as might be deemed necessary.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
4. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—Mr. Chapman having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Audit Act, brought up a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act for the Collection and Payment of the Public Moneys, the Audit of the Public Accounts, and the Protection and Recovery of the Public Property,'*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Chapman moved, by leave of the Assembly, That the Standing Orders of the Assembly be suspended, in order to allow this Bill being read a second time this day.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Chapman moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the other Orders for to-day :—
"*Partnerships Bill—Adoption of Report.*"
7. PARTICULAR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.—Mr. Horne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Horne moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
And, on the further motion of Mr. Horne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the Assembly ordered the Bill to be read a third time to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow :—
"*Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*"
9. MARRIAGE LAWS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—Mr. Greeves moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Greeves moved, That this Bill be to-morrow committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

10. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act for Making and Improving Roads in 'the Colony of Victoria,'*" and acquaint them that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,

President.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Melbourne, 27th May, 1858.

11. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, the Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper :—
"*Partnerships Bill—Adoption of Report.*"

12. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

13. ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Chapman, the following amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill was read and agreed to by the Assembly, viz. :—To insert in line 4 of the Bill, after the word "Assembly," the words "of Victoria."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Assembly do agree in the above amendment.

Assembly adjourned at twenty-four minutes to eight o'clock, until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 67.

FRIDAY, 28TH MAY, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. GEELONG WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Mr. Brooke, by leave of the Assembly, brought up a Special Report from this Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed, and taken into consideration Tuesday, 1st June next.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table and to be printed.
4. PETITION.—Mr. Wood presented a Petition from certain residents, being householders in Wangaratta, in the Colony of Victoria, praying the House to take into favorable consideration a measure that should secure to the children of the Colony the advantages of a sound secular education, free from the religious discords at present existing.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
5. POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS BILL.—Dr. Evans having, by leave of the Assembly, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the issue of Post Office Money Orders, brought up a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Postmaster-General to issue Money Orders in the Colony of Victoria,*" and moved that it be now read a first time.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time Tuesday, 1st June next.
6. GEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.—Dr. Thomson, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, with a copy of the evidence and proceedings of the Select Committee of this Assembly on the Geelong Boundaries Restriction Bill.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
7. SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL COMMITTEE—REPORT.—Mr. Mollison moved, pursuant to notice, That the present union of the office of Master in Equity and Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates is very detrimental to the public interests, the amount of business in each of these branches being amply sufficient to engage the undivided attention of one person.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Grant moved the previous question.
Debate continued.
Question—That this question be now put—put.
Assembly divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Mollison, }

Noes, 18.
Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Crews,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Dr. Thomson,
Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Everard, }

And so it passed in the negative.

8. **MRS. F. M. ISLES.**—Mr. Grant moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mrs. Frances Mary Isles to the Executive, a copy of which is on the Table of this House, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration, and report, with power to send for persons and papers; such Committee to consist of Mr. Harker, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Aspinall, Mr. Heales, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Wood, Mr. Smith, and the Mover; three to form a quorum.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
9. **BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL.**—Mr. Humfray moved, by leave of the Assembly, That the Select Committee on this subject have leave to sit again on Monday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
10. **MEETING OF SELECT COMMITTEES.**—Dr. Owens moved, by leave of the Assembly, That leave be given to the Select Committees of this House, to hold sittings on to-morrow and Monday next.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
11. **ROADS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Sitwell, the several amendments made in Committee of the whole upon this Bill, were read and agreed to.
Mr. 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. Sitwell, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Sitwell moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—
“*An Act for the adoption of an uniform rate of Assessment in Road Districts on all lands messuages and tenements not being Waste Lands of the Crown and to make better provision for the Assessment of Rates on Unoccupied Lands in certain cases and for other purposes.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired thereon.
12. **PARTICULAR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.**—Mr. 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 moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—
“*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Particular Friendly Societies.*”
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a message acquainting them that the Assembly had agreed to the same without any amendment.
13. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, 1st June next:—
“*Audit Act Amendment Bill*”—To be further considered in Committee.
14. **IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.**—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having being read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress.
Mr. Grant moved, That the Chairman have leave to sit again “Tuesday, 1st day of June next.”
Mr. Service moved, That the words “Tuesday, 1st day of June next” be omitted from the above question, and the words “this day six months” added instead thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put.
Assembly divided.
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ayes, 13.</p> <p>Mr. Aspinall, Mr. Chapman, Dr. Evans, Mr. Grant, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Horne, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langlands, Mr. O'Shanassy, Dr. Owens, Dr. Thomson, Mr. Ireland, } <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Blair, }</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;">Noes, 11.</p> <p>Mr. Adamson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Ebden, Mr. Haines, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Myles, Mr. Sitwell, Mr. Wood, Mr. Service, } <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Heales, }</p> |
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- And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Question—That the Chairman have leave to sit again Tuesday, 1st day of June next—put and resolved in the affirmative.
15. **MARRIAGE LAWS CONSOLIDATION BILL.**—Mr. Greeves moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And on the further motion of Mr. Greeves, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again Tuesday, 1st June next.

16. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, the Assembly ordered that the following Order of the Day be discharged from the Paper:—
“Partnerships Bill”—Adoption of Report.

17. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the reconsideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration Tuesday, 1st June next.
Assembly adjourned at five minutes to ten o'clock until four o'clock on Tuesday next.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 68.

TUESDAY, 1ST JUNE, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL.—Mr. Humffray, Chairman, brought up the Report from this Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
3. MARRIAGE OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL.—Mr. O'Shanassy brought up a Report from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Assembly appointed to prepare an Address to be presented to Her Majesty the Queen on the auspicious marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

Ordered to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, the Address brought up was read by the Clerk, and adopted by the Assembly, and is as follows, viz. :—

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA—

We, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria, in Parliament assembled, beg to approach your Majesty's Throne with renewed assurances of our loyalty and affection.

It is with feelings of sincere gratification that we have heard of the Marriage of your Majesty's Daughter, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of England, with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

We offer to your Majesty our sincere and loyal congratulations upon this auspicious event; and we beg, through your Majesty, to convey to Her Royal Highness and Her Consort our earnest wishes for their happiness.

Ordered the same to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and such other members as desire to attend, together with the President and members of the Legislative Council.

4. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wood presented a Petition from certain householders resident at Woorajay, praying the House to take into favorable consideration some measure that should secure the benefits of a sound secular education to the rising generation.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Dr. Owens presented a Memorial from T. M. Girdlestone, styling himself Chairman of a Meeting of the People of Ararat, praying this House would be pleased to introduce another Bill for the Increase of Members as speedily as possible, based on the same principles as the one just rejected.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. D. S. Campbell presented a Memorial from H. W. Farrar, styling himself President, on behalf of the Committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, praying that the Act for the Imprisonment for Debt might be referred to a Select Committee of this House, in order that evidence might be taken so as to prevent the premature repeal of a measure which has so recently been brought to bear upon the interests of debtors and creditors.

Memorial read and ordered to lie on the Table.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to establish a Board of Commissioners for 'the better Sewerage and Drainage of the City of Melbourne, and for supplying Water thereto and to the Suburbs thereof,'*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Also—

The Bill, intituled, "*An Act for preventing the Careless Use of Fire,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chambers,
Melbourne, 1st June, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have passed the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to restrict the Boundaries of the Town of Geelong, and to make further provisions for defining the Wards thereof,*" without any amendment.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
1st June, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the following Resolution as a Joint Standing Order of both Houses of Parliament:—

"Any Act which shall, as a Bill, have been passed by both Houses of Parliament, but reserved by the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and shall afterwards receive the Royal Assent, shall be numbered with the number next in arithmetical progression to the number already given to the last Act assented to by the Governor," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
1st June, 1858.

6. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Orders of the Day be postponed until after the consideration of the third Order for to-day:—

"*Post Office Money Orders Bill—Second reading,*"
"*Audit Act Amendment Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*"

7. PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, the several amendments made in Committee of the whole Assembly on this Bill were read and agreed to by the Assembly.

Mr. 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. Ireland, read a third time.

Mr. Ireland moved that the word "mining" be left out from the last line but one of Clause XVI., and the word "money" inserted instead thereof.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put and negatived.

Question—That the word proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ireland moved—That the following words, viz., "or quantity of work," be omitted from the 4th and 5th lines of Clause XLVII. of this Bill.

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

Mr. Ireland moved that the word "not" be omitted from the 2nd line of Clause XLVIII. of this Bill.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of this clause—put and negatived.

Mr. Ireland moved—That this Bill do now pass.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ireland moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

"*An Act to facilitate the Formation of Mining Associations and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled 'An Act for the better Regulation of Mining Companies' and to render certain Preferable Liens and Mortgages of Personalty by Miners and Mining Companies valid without delivery, and for other purposes.*"

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the said Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

8. POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS BILL.—Dr. Evans moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a second time.

Dr. Evans moved, That this Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And, on the further motion of Dr. Evans, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

9. AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow—Bill, as amended, to be printed.

10. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the several amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill were read by the Clerk, and are as follow, viz. :—

Clause IV., line 30, leave out “whatever,” insert “whomsoever except for domestic use as provided in the said Act.”

Line 32, leave out “they,” insert “the Board”

Page 2, line 1, leave out “such supply,” and insert after “and” “any consumer of water may at his own expense provide a meter and have the same adapted after it shall have been tested and approved by their officer, who shall immediately on application submit such test and certify the result thereof in writing to such owner, and all water supplied through any such meter as herein provided after the same shall have been so tested and approved.”

Line 2, leave out “the quantity used as the Board may determine,” and insert in lieu thereof, “a scale to be published by the Board from time to time.”

Clause V., line 15, leave out “rates and” after first word “the.”

Clause VI., line 26, insert “actual value of the” before “several”—insert at end of clause “and the buildings erected thereon such value to be ascertained by the Board.”

Clause VII., line 28, leave out “of the rates” and insert “the costs.”

Same line, after “for” leave out “the supply of water one-third part shall be payable by the owner of the premises supplied towards defraying the cost of constructing works for the water supply and repaying the moneys advanced for that purpose out of the general revenues of the Colony,” and insert in lieu thereof “laying down service pipes, stop-cocks, and other apparatus for conveying water from the main pipes to any house or premises shall be paid by the owner of such premises.”

Line 34, leave out “third part of such rates,” insert “costs.”

Clause IX., page 3, line 7, leave out “fourteen,” insert “thirty.”

Line 11, insert “provided that in any lease which the Board may grant they shall reserve to themselves the power to make all necessary crossings of streets for the purpose of connecting land on either side of the tramway” at the end of the clause.

On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly disagreed to the several amendments made in Clause IV.

On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly agreed to the several amendments in Clauses V., VI., and VII.

On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly disagreed to the first amendment made in Clause IX.

On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly agreed to the second amendment made in Clause IX.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message, acquainting them of the above resolutions.

11. TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS.—Dr. Owens moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Postmaster General should provide at once to keep open, night and day, the Telegraph from the Heads, for the transmission of mail news; and also keep open the offices in Melbourne for sending messages till ten o'clock at night, regularly, to the towns in the interior of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question—put.

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 13.
 Mr. Aspinall,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Myles,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Humfray, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 19.
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales,

And so it passed in the negative.

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

“*Geelong Water Supply Committee.—Special Report to be taken into consideration.*”

“*Marriage Laws Consolidation Bill—To be further considered in Committee.*”

13. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Bill as amended to be printed.

14. PAPER.—Dr. Evans presented—
Postal Communication with Great Britain.—Copy correspondence respecting.
Ordered to lie on the Table.

Assembly adjourned at one minute to twelve o'clock until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^S. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 69.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act to establish a Board of Land and Works,*" and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same, with amendments to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
2nd June, 1858.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy presented—

Mining Surveyors.—Return to an Order of this House, dated 28th April, 1858, for Copies of all the Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and the undermentioned gentlemen on the subject of the appointment of certain gentlemen who have been gazetted Mining Surveyors for the district of Ballaarat, viz :—Between the Government and the Resident Warden; the Government and the several Members of the Mining Board; the Government and the several Mining Surveyors on Ballaarat; the Chairman of the late Local Court and the Government; together with copies of all petitions for and against such appointments.

Pre-emptive Section at Talgarno.—Return to an Order of this House, dated 27th May last, for Copies of any Correspondence between the Government and Mr. John Hore, of Talgarno, Murray District, with reference to the re-purchase by Mr. Hore of a portion of land under Pre-emptive right at Talgarno, and of any Minutes or other Documents relating to this subject.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. O'Shanassy also presented—

Reilly-street Drain.—Copies of Tenders received by the Board of Land and Works, 4th May, 1858, for a portion of the Reilly-street Drain.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

4. PETITION.—Mr. Sitwell presented a Petition from certain editors, publishers, printers and booksellers, &c., of the City of Melbourne, praying the House to extend the time from twenty-six to thirty-two days, and urging that the clause as proposed by Mr. Heales be again introduced and passed, and also that the law respecting postage of magazines, &c., be assimilated to that of the other Colonies.
Petition read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
5. GEELONG WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE.—Mr Brooke, Chairman of the Select Committee to which this subject was referred, brought up the Report from the Committee.
Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed, and taken into consideration Friday, 4th June instant.
6. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.—Dr. Embling moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and negatived.
7. POST OFFICE MONEY ORDERS BILL.—Dr Evans moved, That the Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly be "now" read.
Mr. Heales moved, That the word "now" be omitted, and the words "and discharged" be added after the word "read."
Debate ensued
Question—That the word "now," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly be now read—put and resolved in the affirmative. On the motion of Dr. Evans, the several amendments made in Committee of the whole Assembly in this Bill were read and agreed to by the Assembly.

Mr. 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 Dr. Evans, read a third time and *passed*.

Dr. Evans moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“An Act to enable the Postmaster General to issue Money Orders in the Colony of Victoria.”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

8. **AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, the several amendments made in Committee of the whole Assembly on this Bill were read and agreed to by the Assembly.

Mr. 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 moved, That the following be the title of the Bill:—

“An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act to provide for the Collection and Payment of the Public Moneys, the Audit of the Public Accounts, and the Protection and Recovery of the Public Property.’”

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

9. **MR. H. G. ARCHER**—Mr. Sitwell was proceeding to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire whether the statements made in this House by the Honorable the Solicitor General, regarding the Secretary to the Law Department, can be substantiated by evidence, with power to take evidence, when Mr. O'Shanassy rose to a point of order.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the question was out of order, inasmuch as it referred to a previous debate, and appeared to impugn the veracity of a member of this House, and therefore could not be moved.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The Assembly ordered that the consideration of the following Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow:—

“Ballarat Riots—Bentley's Hotel—Report from Select Committee to be taken into consideration.”

11. **GEELONG WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE SPECIAL REPORT.**—On the motion of Mr. Brooke, the Special Report from this Committee was read by the Clerk.

Mr. O'Shanassy then moved, That Mr. John Millar be now summoned to appear at the Bar of this House, to offer such explanations as he may desire to do, in reference to his conduct as a witness before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the best mode of supplying the Town of Geelong with water.

Debate ensued.

12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled *“An Act to facilitate the formation of Mining Associations, and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled ‘An Act for the better regulation of Mining Companies,’ and to render certain preferable Liens and Mortgages of Personalty by Miners and Mining Companies valid without delivery, and for other purposes,”* without amendment.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
2nd June, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill intituled *“An Act to explain to whom the term ‘Crown,’ as used in certain cases, shall apply,”* without any amendment.

Also—

The Legislative Council return to the Legislative Assembly the Bill intituled *“An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Geelong Gas Company, and for other purposes,”* and acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the same with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

(Signed) J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Melbourne, 2nd June, 1858.

13. **GEELONG GAS COMPANY'S BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. Brooke, the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill were read and agreed to by the Assembly, and are as follow :—

Clause XXVIII., line 50, after the word "them" insert "and not being within the corporate limits of the town of Geelong as altered during this present session."

Clause XXIX., line 3, after the word "Act" insert the words "and lying between such limits and the buildings and works of the company."

Clause XXXVIII., line 25, omit "thirty," insert "twenty-five."

Same clause, line 28, omit "thirty-three and a third," insert "twenty."

Clause XLII., line 55, after second word "company" insert "having first demanded the amount due."

Clause XLIII., insert at end of clause, line 9, "provided that all damages to property, of whatever description, occasioned by such removal aforesaid, shall be made good by and at the expense of the Company."

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting them that the Assembly have agreed to the said amendments.

14. **JOINT STANDING ORDER.**—On the motion of Mr. O'Shanassy, the Assembly adopted the following, as a Joint Standing Order of the Legislative Council and Assembly, viz. :—
"Any Act which shall, as a Bill, have been passed by both Houses of Parliament, but reserved by the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and shall afterwards receive the Royal Assent, shall be numbered with the number next in arithmetical progression to the number already given to the last Act assented to by the Governor," and ordered that a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, acquainting them thereof.

15. **CARELESS USE OF FIRE BILL.**—On the motion of Mr. C. Campbell, the following amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill was read as follows :—

Clause II., page 2, line 12, insert "Provided also that nothing in this clause contained shall be taken to apply to any place included within the limits of the 13th Victoria No. 39," at the end of the clause.

Mr. C. Campbell moved, That the following words be added to the above amendment, viz., "and all warrants under this Act shall specify the places excepted by this proviso."

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and resolved in the affirmative.

On the motion of Mr. C. Campbell, the Assembly agreed to the above amendment as so amended, and ordered the Bill to be returned to the Legislative Council, with a Message acquainting thereof.

16. **GEELONG WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE SPECIAL REPORT.**—The debate on this subject having been resumed—

On the motion of Mr. Heales, a letter addressed "W. Sorell, Esq., Clerk to the Committee on Geelong Water Supply," and signed "C. Pasley," was read by the Clerk.

Question—That Mr. John Millar be summoned to appear now at the Bar of this House, to offer such explanation as he may desire to do, in reference to his conduct as a witness before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the best mode of supplying the Town of Geelong with water—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker having directed the Serjeant-at-Arms to ascertain whether Mr. Millar was within the precincts of this House, and the Serjeant-at-Arms having reported that Mr. Millar was so, he was forthwith called to the Bar, and examined by Mr. Speaker as follows :—

Mr. Speaker.—What is your name?—John Millar.

Mr. Speaker.—What is your profession?—Civil engineer.

Mr. Speaker.—Where do you reside?—At Geelong.

Mr. Speaker.—You have been a witness before a Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the subject of the Supply of Water to Geelong?—Yes.

Mr. Speaker.—You gave evidence before that Committee?—I did.

Mr. Speaker.—Have you seen the Special Report of that Committee?—I have.

Mr. Speaker.—Have you observed that there have been certain charges there made against you, with respect to your conduct in your capacity as a witness?—I have.

Mr. Speaker.—You are now called to the Bar for the purpose of affording the House an opportunity of hearing what explanations you have to offer in relation to those charges.

Mr. Millar.—I should wish, with the leave of the House, to avail myself of a few notes which I have made on this subject, lest my excited feelings should tempt me beyond the point of discretion.

Mr. Speaker.—You will be allowed to use your notes.

Mr. Millar.—Mr. Speaker, in addressing this Honorable House on the very serious charges preferred against me, I am sure I shall receive the indulgence I crave, in consideration of the present painful condition of my feelings whilst under a charge involving my honor.

In the first place, I would beg the House fully to realise the position in which I stand. I am arraigned at their Bar upon charges the most criminal, and the most entirely

obnoxious to my nature, and which, as repugnant to the feelings of every man of honor I most thoroughly abhor and despise

Mr. Speaker.—I wish to caution you in one respect, that in any observations which you are allowed to make here you are in no way to impugn the Report or call in question the motives of the Committee before which you were a witness. You will bear that in mind.

Mr. Millar.—I will bear that in mind. That I may have been guilty of indiscretion I admit: that I may, in an over-zeal for the public service, have overstepped the bounds of official etiquette I do not deny; but I do most solemnly abjure the accusations which, in the report, have been made against me—that I have been guilty of dishonesty, or disrespect, because it must have been the furthest thing from my intention to deceive, where deception must have been the most evident and transparent, or to have trifled with your Honorable Committee, or your Honorable House, when such trifling could only have frustrated, rather than have furthered, the object I had in view—the furnishing of an important portion of this province with a full and unfailing quantity of water.

The charges which have been preferred against me are four in number. I purpose to reply to them *seriatim*.

The first charge is that of a breach of privilege, in having published evidence unreported to your Honorable House.

The second is that of a breach of privilege, in having laid on the table of the Committee a report, purporting to be a report by me to the Commissioner of Public Works, which report it is said I had tampered with; and in having laid before the Committee a document purporting to have been forwarded from the office of Public Works, which the head of that department had not perused; and by having (by inference) surreptitiously laid before the Committee a report which was not genuine. In answer to Captain Pasley's letter, just read, I have this to say:—That the Committee ordered their clerk, Mr. Sorell, to write to the Commissioner of Public Works, as the head of my department, for my report of April 25th, 1858, inasmuch as they could not receive a report direct from myself. Mr. Sorell, as far as I can remember, wrote that note in my presence—I recollect seeing it most distinctly, and Mr. Balmain told me he had received the note when I called upon him with the report in answer to a telegram from Mr. Balmain, dated the 4th of May, which I now hold in my hand, and which I would beg leave to read, it is as follows: "By Electric Telegraph, Dated Melbourne, May 4th, 1858.—Message for Mr. Millar, Water Commission.—The Committee require the information—Addenda to Appendix U, relative to water taken from the Barwon—T. C. BALMAIN."

That is the Report dated 25th May. On calling upon Mr. Balmain, or rather upon the Commissioner of Public Works, he was absent; Mr. Balmain in all cases, certainly in all cases of this kind at all events, has to arrange the business of the office, and I gave him my Report, and was myself by leave of that gentlemen the bearer of it, and I delivered it in due course together with the letter which he wrote, he having previously entered the Report in the records of the office, to Mr. Barker, the Clerk of the Assembly; what became of it after that, I know not, excepting that I have seen a copy of that Report printed and laid upon the table of the Committee. The third charge is this, that I had knowingly and flagitiously sought to corrupt the proof-reader in the service of the Assembly.

The fourth charge is, that I had from similar motives attempted to vitiate the evidence given by me before your Honorable Committee.

In reference to the first charge, I admit now, as I did before the Committee, that I did technically publish such evidence; but only technically, inasmuch as my remarks upon that evidence had proceeded no further than to the Board of Public Works—a Government Department, I would remark—and was used for no other purpose than, by submitting those remarks to the Board of Public Works, to obtain my refutation of the evidence which was the subject matter of my observations recorded upon the minutes of the Committee, having been given to understand that only in such way could I obtain the object I had in view. For this, an error of ignorance, and not a sin of design, I expressed my regret to the Committee, and for this aggression upon parliamentary propriety (as will be seen by the Committee's own Report) I was forgiven. I therefore pass on to the next head of offence.

With regard to charge No. 2, I beg to suggest that I am not responsible for the heads of departments not being able to read documents laid before them with that despatch which may sometimes be needful for the prompt discharge of business before Committees of your Honorable House; but I aver, and the evidence proves it, that the report in question passed in due form through the office of Public Works, and was remitted to your Committee, accompanied by a letter from the responsible clerk in that department, in whose custody that document was, and which letter I myself saw signed, and which must, therefore, be in the archives of this House. The charge that I could have tampered with that report is thus at once, without my calling upon my own professional reputation and position to repel it, disposed of upon the commonest principles of evidence, which the House may in a moment satisfy itself upon.

With regard to charges 3 and 4, I hope to show the House that the alterations I desired to make in the report—because I did desire to do so—was simply the correction of a clerical error, substituting the number 40 for 20 in copying from my original manuscript; but, be it remembered, all the subsequent calculations, dependent thereon, were founded on the correct number, namely, 40. The document which I hold

in my hand, and which was printed by the Committee, will demonstrate this. The number 40 was with reference to 40 barrels of water being carted from the Barwon for the use of the Geelong railway. 20 had been by error, in the hurry of the moment, entered in the column instead of 40, notwithstanding that the calculations were all founded on the 40; and it is quite evident, therefore, that had the figure 20 remained, there would have been a misunderstanding in the mind of any person reading it. I therefore may be pardoned, if, when perusing the revise of that table, and for the first time discovering the error, I wished that the original manuscript document should not contain the accidental discrepancy.

I certainly might, and, but for the circumstances of the case, I would, have at once referred the matter to the consideration of the Committee, upon my discovering the mistake; but, as it was generally understood that Parliament would very shortly be prorogued, if not dissolved, I felt that time was so essential an ingredient in this matter, that I was warranted in stepping aside from the old and beaten path of routine; and this on my own authority, as a witness whose actions were above suspicion, and whose character had, long ago, been too well established to be shaken by so trivial an incident as correcting a mere error of one of my clerks. The alteration, therefore, had no bearing on the reasoning deduced from the correct numbers given in evidence. I should mention that the numbers had reference to the loads of water daily supplied to the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company, a mere bagatelle, and my information was derived from an official document, drawn up under the cognizance of their engineer, and signed by their secretary—which document I now lay before the House, it is as follows:—"Geelong and Melbourne Railway, March 1st, 1858. My Dear Sir,—In reply to your inquiry, I beg to inform you that our daily consumption of water from the Barwon is from six to eight thousand gallons, by three engines. Yours truly, Martin Sholl.—J. Millar, Esq., C.E."

This document which I referred to in my evidence on this subject before the Committee, was the foundation of the column in the tabulated statement of water traffic, in which the error arose; and any Honorable Member present, by simply dividing the 6,000 gallons by 150 gallons per barrel, will find that it brings out 40 barrels, the figure that should have been in the column there, such column having been entered as barrels. During the investigation on this Special Report I pledged myself, as will be seen by the evidence before the House, to lay before the Committee at their next meeting this document, from the Secretary of the Railway Company, it then being at the Water Supply Office, Geelong. In accordance with that pledge, I tendered it at the next meeting; but from some cause, of which I am ignorant, it was returned to me without observation.

I am now satisfied, Mr. Speaker, that I should have gone to the Committee for authority to make this merely clerical alteration, and trust that this may be acknowledged to be, at the utmost, but a venial fault. I may state, that those who know me best, are aware, that the enthusiasm and energy which have hitherto characterised my professional career and habits only could have led to this error in judgment.

I come now to the more serious part of the charge, namely: that of my tampering with a public servant. I approach this accusation with neither hesitancy nor doubt—not with hesitation, because I have an unanswerable reply; nor with doubt, because I can appreciate what the decision of the House will be when my plain unvarnished tale is told.

Allow me to state the case plainly *pro* and *con*; as I have nothing to fear, so I have nothing to conceal.

This charge in the report is thus broadly stated. I will read it. "In the course of your Committee's inquiry, it transpired further that the witness desired also to make alterations in the proofs of some of the appendices, which, being objected to by the Reader, as the printed documents would then differ from the originals submitted to the Committee, the witness then sought to possess himself of the documents in question for the object, as stated by the Reader, of altering them so as to make them correspond with the alterations made by the witness in the proof." This alteration of appendices thus put, I would beg to impress upon the House, is the unimportant alteration of the figures 20 into the figures 40, in order that the appendix might not be at odds with the body of the evidence, to which that appendix had reference, but not extending to my calculations, and the particulars I have already disposed of. The report proceeds: "That to induce compliance with these requests," it is alleged, "I held out the inducement of a better situation, in case the reader lost his appointment, by acceding to my desire."

In reply to this, I first avail myself of the weight due to my own reputation and professional character.

I declare I made no offer, in the sense here implied, and I quote the evidence of the witness himself, not in substantiation of my assertion, but in rejoinder to the vague suggestion of the report, "it is alleged." I did not make any such offer. If I know myself, I could not make such a corrupt bargain; on the contrary, the utmost that I could have done was this: on finding that the reader (Mr. Hardess) hesitated in allowing me to make the mere typographical amendment, which was requisite to make the appendix square with the evidence, I might have said, as he in his evidence admits I did say, "I will do nothing that will be the means of getting you dismissed;" and it is not unlikely that I might have added, although I again say I do not remember it, intending simply to imply that I would hold him blameless—so satisfied was I that there was no moral impropriety in what I asked—that even if it were so, that he lost his situation, I would see that he was placed in a better one. I can hardly, therefore, suppose that even

ingenuity itself could torture this into a bribe; at all events, the witness did not so construe it, for the following is his evidence on this very point:—

I would read this evidence at No. 945. "Was any person present during the conversation when Mr. Millar made you a promise of a situation?—I believe the reading boy was, but I am not certain. 946. *By Mr. Millar.*—Do you mean to say in my presence that I made you a direct offer of a situation as a bribe?—What I stated and what the Shorthand Writer has on his notes I am quite content to abide by, and if the Committee desire to put me on my oath I am ready to swear to it. 947. *By the Chairman.*—Mr. Millar has asked you a question, and you ought to give a categorical answer. (*To Mr. Millar.*) Put your question again. 948. *By Mr. Millar.*—I simply wish to know from Mr. Hardess if I offered him a bribe to do what was wrong?—Mr. Millar never offered me a bribe. 949. *By the Chairman.*—The bribe of a situation?—Nor did he offer me the bribe of a situation, but he told me if I lost my situation through him, he would place me in a better one, and, as near as I can recollect, those are the words that passed between us."

I would also refer the House to his answer to question No. 845. "*By the Chairman.*—You made a statement to the Committee yesterday with regard to some alterations in the appendices?—Yes. 846 Will you re-state what you said then?—I believe I stated to the Committee yesterday, that Mr. Millar had upon one occasion asked me to make alterations"—the House will observe he there says "upon one occasion," in other parts of his evidence he states that it was on several occasions—a complete contradiction—"and I told him I could not do anything of the kind, that they were not in accordance with the original, and if I did so I should be risking my situation. I also stated at the same time, and there are private reasons why I stated so to him, that I could not allow them. I said, if I do so, of course I risk my situation. He then stated that he would do nothing that would be the means of my getting dismissed, and if he did so he would see that I was placed in a better situation. I took no notice of this, but on the 11th of May I stated to him that these corrections in the revise of Appendix R were not in accordance with the original, and I could not allow them. I showed him the original, and there were one or two other things that I showed him. He was then very anxious indeed that I should give him the originals up, that he might make those alterations in them. 847. How do you know what his intention was?"—And his answer is this—"I do not assume anything from this; I merely state the facts of the case. The impression that they bore to my mind was, that he was desirous of altering the originals to meet these amended proofs. 848 That is only an impression?—It is only an impression; collateral circumstances have been connected with it, but it is merely an impression."

The conversation alluded to in the evidence, in reference to this document, at the utmost, reaches simply to this, that I would shield him from any personal blame if the Committee considered that he had overstepped his duty. I should be trifling with the House upon this charge to add another word.

I now come to the last charge in the Committee's Report, which I have no fear of disposing of as satisfactorily as I trust I have the former ones, that is, as to my having become irregularly possessed of a copy of a revise of a part of my evidence, and had, therefore, taken advantage of that fact to tamper with the proof. The story is a very simple one. On the revise being put into my hands, I discovered the necessity for further correction, which further correction had escaped my attention in correcting my first proof. With regard to the irregularity in possessing myself of the revise, I beg to state that throughout I was actuated by the most perfect good faith. I had, and could have, no private object to serve. I was an officer of the Government, I had, therefore, no patron to accommodate. I was Engineer-in-Chief to the Geelong Water Commission, and, therefore, the hope of promotion could have held out no inducement to me to do wrong. It was simply the supply of water to Geelong, the most abundantly and the most cheaply, that the Committee had to consider, and to aid this object there could have been no use in my resorting to irregularity, to subornation, to bribe, or any such thing. There was no one whom I could seek to supplant; there was, then, no encouragement in any way to do what was discreditable, whilst there was every reason why I should act with honor and good faith. The evidence is again, as it is throughout, my defence. I went openly to the Clerk of the Committee; I asked him to let me have a revise, and he, actuated, I am sure, by the same *esprit de corps* as myself, gave me a letter, of which the following is a copy; I extract it from Questions Nos. 787 and 788:—

The following is the evidence upon this point:—"Mr. William Sorell examined. 784. *By the Chairman.*—Was any application made to you by Mr. Millar for copies of his evidence?—It appears from the note book kept in the department that I sent up evidence to Mr. Millar in this case on the 12th of February, the 17th February, and the 7th of May. 785. Was that in the regular course of business in the office?—Yes. 786 Was any special application made to you by Mr. Millar for additional copies of his evidence or revises?—On one occasion, certainly, if not more. 787. Did you give him any authority to obtain copies of his evidence?—Yes. 788. On what date?—This is the document itself.—[*The same was read, and is as follows*]:—"Will Mr. Ferres be good enough to let Mr. Millar have a revise of the evidence which I sent last night on the 'Geelong Water Supply.' W. SORELL, Clerk to Committee. Assembly Chambers, 6th May, 1858." 789. Is it not altogether an unusual course to give authorities to witnesses to obtain more than one copy of their evidence?—It has been done in more than one case; it is not

the usual course pursued." On reading the revise at Geelong I found that, most likely by my own want of clearness in giving evidence to the extent of sixty printed lines in one answer, I had slightly transposed my *proposita*, as will be seen by reference to the table and comparative summaries in page 29 of the printed Appendices, where it will be observed there are two propositions printed "fourth proposition," instead of fourth and fifth. Those I wished to make right, as they stand at present, owing to this typographical error, evidently inconsistent and ridiculous; besides which, there manifestly could not be two "fourth propositions" in a series of seven.

Upon this point I beg again to quote from the evidence of Mr. Hardess at No. 801:—"Were there no enclosures with that document?—Only this, with this note. 802. Will you read the note?—[*The same was read, and is as follows*]:—"Water and Sewerage Commission, Engineer-in-Chief's Department, 10th May, 1858. Mr. Hardess, I return herewith the proofs of evidence and appendices corrected up to May 8th, say evidence from page 25 to 34. Pray observe 31 particularly, a good deal of it was transposed. Appendices 25 to 38 inclusive. I shall be in town in the afternoon. Yours truly, MILLAR."

The House will be kind enough to observe most particularly this question, or this number rather—when I say, "Pray observe 31 particularly," I speak of the answer of sixty printed lines, to which I have already directed attention. Such was my letter of May 10, two days before the alleged discovery of my so-called mal-practice. I corrected the evidence and appendices at Geelong, and sent them with the letter just quoted to the reader; and on coming up to Melbourne, finding that it was against the rules of the House to obtain another copy for my especial use, whereon to note the amended corrections, I took the original proof—it having then, to my thinking, become a useless document, as far as the Committee was concerned—and noted in the committee-room the revised corrections on it, under the impression that it was my own property, and would therefore serve me as a private memorandum, inasmuch as I could not get another, although I had no objection to shew it to Mr. Hardess when he asked for it.

I called at the reader's room with a view of ascertaining if the transposition and clearer explanation which I had made on the revise were within the rules of the House. Not finding him there I carelessly threw down the document on his table, stating to his assistant that as soon as the Committee rose, I would return relative to the revise left. On returning to the committee-room, no quorum being formed, I was there for some time engaged with an Hon Member, discussing with him the non-advisability of attempting a gravitation scheme from Buckley's Falls, which would cost the country about £140,000 for impure water. Mr. Dumas suddenly entered with both documents in his hand, and charged me with misdemeanor, which I doubt not the House will see, was at the utmost, but an inadvertence. I was afterwards extremely sorry to learn that, from the accident alluded to, an inference had been drawn to the effect that I had endeavored to foist on the reader, under the authority of Mr. Webb's imprimatur, the corrections made on the revise, and which, without the shadow of fraudulent intention, I had transferred to the then useless proof.

Here I would beg to draw the attention of the House to the evidence of Mr. Dumas, the Clerk-Assistant of your Honorable House, in which he says most distinctly that I showed no desire of concealment, as, indeed, I had no cause to do so, because I felt that I had not, of malice aforethought, done anything that could possibly render me culpable in the eyes of your Committee, or make me desirous of the least shadow of concealment. Mr. Dumas further says in confirmation of what I have just alleged, when I had no time for premeditation, even if I had desired it—"I then taxed Mr. Millar with the impropriety of it, and then he afterwards explained that he had, in the first instance, written the additions on the revise as he considered them merely transpositions, and then he copied them on the proof, having placed them on the revise."

At Question No 819, Mr. Dumas is asked, "Did Mr. Millar allege any reason for copying from the revise on to the first proof?—None whatever; he did not state any reason whatever. In the first instance my impression of the transaction was, that he had obtained a certificate from Mr. Webb, and before taking the proof to the printing office to have it revised had put these additions on it; but he explained to me that it was after it had been printed and the revise was in his hands that he had made the alterations in the revise and had copied them on the proof. 820. Mr. Millar told you so?—Yes. 821. There was no concealment on his part then?—No. When I taxed him with having put these additions on the proof, he said, No. I put it on the revise, and copied it from the revise to the proof,"—in fact stating everything in the most honorable manner.

Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge that I may have transgressed the rules of this House in my anxiety to further the interests of this great colony, and particularly of the community in whom I am more immediately interested. If so, I freely submit myself to the judgment of your Honorable House, and I trust I shall receive its indulgence.

Mr. Speaker.—Has the House any question to ask? (*To Mr. Millar*).—You may withdraw.

And Mr. Millar having withdrawn,

Mr. O'Shanassy moved, That the further debate on this subject be adjourned until to-morrow.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

18. MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Message from the Legislative Council by the Clerk-Assistant of the Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly on the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the second clause of the "*Careless use of Fire Bill.*"

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
2nd June, 1858.

19. DISCHARGE OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, the following Order of the Day was read and discharged :—

"*Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill—Adoption of Report.*"

20. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Ireland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Assembly ordered the same to be taken into consideration to-morrow; to take precedence of all other business.—Bill as amended to be printed.

21. MARRIAGE LAWS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

22. SEWERAGE AND WATER ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Greeves, the Assembly ordered that a Message be transmitted to the Legislative Council, requesting them to return this Bill, in order that the Assembly might set forth the reasons which induced them to disagree to several of the amendments made by the Council therein.

Assembly adjourned at seven minutes past eleven o'clock, until four o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,

Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 70.

THURSDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MARRIAGE OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ROYAL.—Mr. Speaker reported that he had this day, together with the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, and several members of the Council and Assembly, presented to His Excellency the Governor the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and of this House, and that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to make the following reply thereto:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I receive the loyal and dutiful Address unanimously voted by the Parliament of Victoria to Her Majesty, on the auspicious Marriage of the Princess Royal of England with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia, and shall have much pleasure in transmitting it by the earliest opportunity, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

HENRY BARKLY.

3. MRS. F. M. ISLES.—Mr. Grant, Chairman of the Select Committee of this House, to which the consideration of the claim of Mrs. Isles was referred, brought up the report from the Committee.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed and taken into consideration to-morrow.

4. PAPERS.—Mr. O'Shanassy, by command of His Excellency the Governor, presented—
Pilot Board.—Accounts of the Pilot Board of Victoria for the year ending 31st August, 1857.
Immigration.—Report of the Immigration Agent upon Colonial Emigration and Immigration for the year 1857.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY.—Mr. O'Shanassy moved, by leave of the Assembly, that the House do at its rising this day adjourn until to-morrow at one o'clock.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, by the Clerk Assistant of the Council:—

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Postmaster General to issue Money Orders in the Colony of Victoria,*" without amendment.

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
3rd June, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER—

The Legislative Council acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendments in Clause IV., and their first amendment in Clause IX. of the "*Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill.*"

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
3rd June, 1858.

7. BOARD OF LAND AND WORKS BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Chapman the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill were read and agreed to, and are as follows:—
Clause I., line 1, after the word "Governor" insert the words "in Council."
Clause I., line 12, strike out after "had" all the words to the end of the clause.
Strike out the 2nd clause.

Ordered—That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a Message, acquainting them that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the above amendments.

8. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT ABOLITION BILL.—On the motion of Mr. Grant the several amendments made in this Bill in Committee of the whole Assembly were read and agreed to.

Mr. 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. Grant moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Wood moved, That all the words after the word "now" be omitted, and the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House" be inserted instead thereof.

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

Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put and resolved in the affirmative.—Bill read a third time.

Mr. Grant moved, That the word "this" be omitted from the last line but one of Clause I. of this Bill, and the following words inserted instead thereof, viz., "the said first recited."

Question—That the word 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 word omitted be so inserted—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Grant moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Grant moved, That the following be the title of the Bill :—

"An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt in certain cases, and to alter and amend the Law relating to Common Assaults."

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the Bill be transmitted to the Legislative Council, and their concurrence desired therein.

9. BAIL BILL.—Mr. Horne moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to circumscribe the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court, in granting bail to parties committed to take their trials for felonies and misdemeanors.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

10. EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS.—Mr. Greeves moved, pursuant to notice, for a copy of any Correspondence between the Government and the Secretary of State, with reference to the Office of Executive Councillor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

11. BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL.—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee on this subject having been read, Mr. Humfray moved, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £300 be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1858, to be paid as follows, viz. :—

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| To W. and D. Wallace | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To Michael Walsh | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| To Dr. Alfred Yates Carr | 150 | 0 | 0 |

in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

12. GEELONG WATER SUPPLY—SPECIAL REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE.—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this subject having been read, Mr. O'Shanassy moved, That the Assembly proceed to the next business on the paper.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

13. PAPERS.—Mr. Harker presented—

Government Banking operations and balances.—Memorandum showing the distribution of the Public Account among the several Banks, during the month of May, 1858.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Shanassy presented—

Yan Yean Waterworks.—Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, dated 5th May, 1858, for a Return giving the following information with reference to the Yan Yean Water Supply, viz. :—

- (1.) Amount due to contractors.
- (2.) Amount in the hands of the Agent General, if any.
- (3.) Estimated amount for works in progress and to complete the works.
- (4.) The time when the works will be completed.
- (5.) An explanation of the following errors contained in a return laid on the Table of this House on the 20th April last, relating to the Melbourne Sewerage and Water Supply, viz. :—
 - (1.) The alleged amount due by the Government of £40,700.
 - (2.) The amount of £11,851 16s. 11d. received from the Government more than the cost of the works.
 - (3.) The difference between the statements appearing in sheets 2 and 5, setting forth the amount received from Government as £8048 1s.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Assembly adjourned at twenty minutes past seven o'clock until one o'clock to-morrow.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

VICTORIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 71.

FRIDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1858.

1. Assembly met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. JOINT STANDING ORDER.—Mr. Speaker announced that His Excellency the Governor had this day approved of a Joint Standing Order No. XXV.
3. PAPERS —Mr. Harker presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor—
Railway Loan.—Correspondence respecting the negotiation of the proposed Railway Loan.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Act of Parliament—Royal Assent.

HENRY BARKLY,

Governor.

Message, No. 6.

Pursuant to the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 5 and 6 Victoria, chapter 76, sec. 33, the Governor acquaints the Legislative Assembly that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies has transmitted in a Despatch, bearing date the 14th of February, 1858, No. 14, the accompanying Order of the Queen in Council, confirming an Act passed by the Parliament of Victoria in the twenty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An Act for the Enforcement of Claims against the Crown.*"

Government Offices, Melbourne,

4th June, 1858.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3rd February, 1858.

PRESENT :

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty
His Royal Highness the Prince Consort

Lord Chancellor
Lord President
Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Argyll
Lord Chamberlain
Marquis of Abercorn
Lord Steward
Earl of Clarendon

Viscount Palmerston
Lord Panmure
Mr. Labouchere
Sir George Grey, Bt.
Mr. Vernon Smith
Sir Charles Wood, Bt.
Mr. Baines

Whereas by an Act passed in the fifth and sixth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land.*" is is amongst other things enacted, that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council of the said Colony, or by proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same : And whereas by another Act passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "*An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies,*" it was provided, among other things, that the provisions of the said former Act concerning the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon should apply to and be in force in the Colony of Victoria : And whereas the said provisions were maintained in force, as regards Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, by a subsequent Act passed in the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign of Her said Majesty, intituled, "*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of Victoria to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria.*"

And whereas on the 27th of August, 1857, the Governor of the said Colony of Victoria reserved a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, intituled "*An Act for the Enforcement of Claims against the Crown,*" for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon : And whereas the said

Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to Her Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, declare Her assent to the said Bill.

And the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Dr. Embling moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and negatived.

6. **CAPTAIN MAC MAHON'S COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Aspinall, Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee on this case.

Report read, ordered to lie on the Table, and, together with the evidence and proceedings of the Committee, to be printed.

7. **PETITIONS.**—Mr. Wilkie presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Parishes of Cut-paw-paw and Maribyrnong, and others interested in those localities, praying that the House would favorably entertain the urgent requirements of this district, as induced by the greatly increased passenger traffic through the said district.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Phelan presented a Petition from certain inhabitants and freeholders of Maidstone, in the county of Bourke, praying the House would be pleased to take into consideration the condition of the road referred to in the Petition, and adopt such measures in reference thereto as this House might consider best.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

8. **PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Dr. Owens, on behalf of Mr. Speaker, Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from this Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

9. **MCGREGOR'S COMMITTEE.**—Mr. Haines, Chairman, by leave of the Assembly, brought up a Progress Report from this Committee.

Report read, and ordered to be printed.

10. **MRS. F. M. ISLES.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Report from the Select Committee on Mrs. F. M. Isles' case having been read, Mr. Grant, by leave of the Assembly, moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1858 the sum of £350 for the widow and two infant children of the late Samuel Isles.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Assembly 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 Governor, requesting His Excellency to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1858 the sum of £350 for the widow and two infant children of the late Samuel Isles—the Assembly adopted the same, and ordered the Address to be presented accordingly.

11. **BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL**—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the whole Assembly of the Report from the Select Committee on this subject having been read, Mr. Humfray moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £300 be placed on the Estimates for 1858, to be paid as follows, viz. :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| To W. and D. Wallace... | ... | 30 | 0 0 |
| To Michael Walsh ... | ... | 120 | 0 0 |
| To Dr. Alfred Yates Carr ... | ... | 150 | 0 0 |

in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Committee.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Chairman having reported that the Committee consider it expedient that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that the sum of £300 be placed on the Estimates for 1858, to be paid as follows, viz. :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| To W. and D. Wallace... | ... | 30 | 0 0 |
| To Michael Walsh ... | ... | 120 | 0 0 |
| To Dr. Alfred Yates Carr ... | ... | 150 | 0 0 |

in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Committee—the Assembly adopted the same and ordered an Address to be presented accordingly.

12. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.—A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Usher of the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House went to the Legislative Council, when His Excellency was pleased to withhold the Royal Assent from the Bill intituled—

“*An Act to shorten the duration of the Legislative Assembly;*”

To reserve the following Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, viz.:—

“*An Act to explain to whom the term ‘ Crown ’ as used in certain cases shall apply;*”

And to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz.:—

“*An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act to authorise the construction of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Melbourne to the River Murray and of a Main Trunk Line of Railway from Geelong to Ballaarat.’*”

“*An Act more effectually to facilitate proceedings in the Colony of Victoria by and against a certain Banking Company called the ‘ Union Bank of Australia ’ and for other purposes therein mentioned.*”

“*An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act for making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria.’*”

“*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Particular Friendly Societies.*”

“*An Act to restrict the Boundaries of the Town of Geelong and to make further provision for defining the Wards thereof.*”

“*An Act for preventing the Careless Use of Fire.*”

“*An Act to facilitate the Formation of Mining Associations and to amend and extend the provisions of an Act passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled ‘ An Act for the better Regulation of Mining Companies and to render certain Preferable Liens and Mortgages of Personality by Miners and Mining Companies valid without delivery and for other purposes.’*”

“*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the ‘ Geelong Gas Company ’ and for other purposes.*”

“*An Act to amend an Act to establish a Board of Land and Works.*”

“*An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act to establish a Board of Commissioners for the better Sewerage and Drainage of the City of Melbourne and for supplying Water thereto and to the Suburbs thereof.’*”

“*An Act to enable the Postmaster General to issue Money Orders in the Colony of Victoria.*”

13. HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH—After which His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, as followeth:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I rejoice that I am at length enabled to release you from your attendance in Parliament. Owing to the short duration of the recess, after a very protracted Session, you have been called upon to attend to your Parliamentary duties, with very little intermission, for upwards of nineteen months. Upon the inauguration of a new Constitution, and with the ministerial changes that have taken place, this was, perhaps, unavoidable. Moreover, the great and continued increase of the population of this country, and the rapid development of its resources, under circumstances almost unprecedented, necessarily gave birth to a large amount of legislation, of a new and experimental character. This could not be effected without a more than ordinary demand upon your time and labor. The cheerfulness with which you have applied yourselves to the legislative business of the country during the lengthened period to which I have alluded, claims from me an expression of the very high sense I entertain of the zealous assiduity with which you have devoted yourselves to the Public Service.

It will be within your recollection that the principal object which I had in view in calling you together in December last, was that of laying before you certain measures for the amendment of the Constitution. I then announced that it was not the intention of my advisers to submit for your consideration any subjects in respect of which legislation was not immediately required. My present advisers upon taking office concurred in that view, the more especially as the recent extension of the franchise rendered it both just and necessary that measures of importance affecting the interests and welfare of the whole community should be considered by a Parliament elected upon the broader basis of the extended franchise. This view has been as far as practicable observed. The Bill for altering the Electoral Districts of the country and for increasing the number of Members of the Assembly, passed by the House into which it was introduced, and the constitution of which it exclusively affected, has not secured the concurrence of the Legislative Council. I have no desire to interfere with the deliberations of either House of Parliament on the subject. It must, however, be obvious to you that in the present state of the constitution representation is very unequally distributed, whilst the present Legislative Assembly is

too limited in point of numbers for the proper conduct of the legislative business of the country; it will therefore be the duty of my responsible advisers immediately upon the re-assembling of Parliament, again to introduce the Bill in question for your consideration.

The Bill for shortening the duration of Parliament was passed by the Assembly without the concurrence of a majority of the whole House. I have been advised that such a majority was necessary under the Constitution Act, and that it was also requisite that it should be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

To have transmitted to the Secretary of State a Bill which had been irregularly passed, would have been to incur the risk of having it returned to me for re-introduction. As a means of avoiding this delay, I have disallowed it, with a view to its early introduction in the ensuing Session. As it could not take effect, even with the present Parliament, until the end of next year, this delay will be of no consequence, and it can be re-enacted, reserved, and received back from England, long before the earliest possible period for its operation can arise.

The other Bills which have been passed during the present Session, and to which I have given Her Majesty's assent, though not involving questions of constitutional importance, are nevertheless of a valuable character.

The Bill for the Simplification of the Oaths of Office, places persons of all religious denominations on a footing of equality, and its enactment will, I have no doubt, promote, as intended, the harmony and welfare of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony.

The Bill to facilitate the formation of Mining Associations has been framed with especial reference to the requirements of the mining community, and will, I trust, be found to promote that co-operation of capital and labor without which no productive industry can flourish.

The Bill to enable me to appoint a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works has been rendered necessary by the great increase which has taken place in the business of the departments under the control of that Board, consequent upon the commencement of the great trunk lines of railway. I trust it will be found to relieve the responsible head of that department from a portion of his arduous labors.

The other Bills to which I have assented, in Her Majesty's name, though of a highly useful character, need no particular observation from me. They bear witness, however, to the care with which you have considered the public welfare.

Since the passing of the Acts of the last Session for the construction and maintenance of Railways, active measures have been adopted for carrying their provisions into immediate operation.

A contract has been taken for the construction of the main trunk line from Melbourne to Sandhurst, and the works will be commenced and prosecuted without delay.

The tenders for the line from Geelong to Ballarat were, in the first instance, such as it was not deemed advisable to accept, and the line and sections were re-advertised. New tenders have been opened, and there seems no reason to doubt that the Government will be enabled to carry on this important line concurrently with that from Melbourne to Sandhurst.

Negotiations have been for some time pending for the disposal of the debentures, which you have authorised to be issued. A communication was addressed in December last to the eminent house of Baring Brothers, inviting them to state the terms on which they might be disposed to negotiate the whole of the loan. A communication was received from them in reply, which reached me in April last, to the effect that they would send a confidential agent to this country with full powers to treat with this Government on the subject. In consequence of this communication my advisers suspended all action in the matter until the arrival of the agent, which took place in May, when he immediately placed himself in communication with the Government. The terms he was enabled to offer were, however, deemed by my advisers to be not of a sufficiently advantageous character to justify them in recommending their acceptance.

In the mean time certain proposals were made by our principal Banking institutions, and after some negotiations an arrangement has been finally concluded, upon a basis which will, I hope, prove very satisfactory. I have directed that the whole of the correspondence on the subject should be laid before both Houses of Parliament. You will find that precautions have been taken to secure ample means for the purpose of carrying on the great works you have authorised, without interruption or delay, and to effect this with as little disturbance as possible to the ordinary relations of commerce.

The importance of these measures cannot be over estimated; they will receive the unremitting attention of myself and my advisers during the recess, and the fullest information as to their progress will be from time to time communicated to Parliament.

The line of Electric Telegraph has been completed from Melbourne to Adelaide, and would have been opened to the public but for an accident to a portion of the line on the Adelaide side, the exact particulars of which have not yet reached this Government. The line to Sydney is nearly completed, and both will be opened to the public in a few weeks. Negotiations have also been brought to a successful issue for the telegraphic connection of Victoria with Tasmania, but from the difficulties in the way of determining the most safe line of deposit for the submarine cable some time must necessarily elapse before the work itself can be brought to a successful termination. No labor will be spared by my advisers in carrying forward these great public improvements, so essential to our material and social progress.

During the recess I shall otherwise avail myself of the powers which I possess to effect all such improvements as I am competent to carry out without further legislative aid from you. It will be my earnest endeavor to urge upon the Imperial Government the necessity of enforcing a more faithful performance of the contract for the mail service between England and Australia.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I thank you for the readiness and liberality with which you have voted the supplies necessary for the public service. It will be my duty to administer the expenditure with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public departments.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the revenue and the public credit are in a most satisfactory condition. The large proportion of the consolidated revenue which you have felt yourselves justified in devoting to public works of a beneficial nature, bears witness to the extent of the available surplus over and above the ordinary expenditure of the Government.

It is gratifying to find that the temporary check to our commercial prosperity, caused by the embarrassment which recently prevailed in England, has passed rapidly away, and there seems every reason to hope that our present satisfactory financial condition will be long maintained.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

I now dismiss you to your homes and your private affairs. In future it will be my earnest endeavor to fix the periods of the meeting of Parliament at such a period of the year as will conduce, as much as possible, to your convenience. At the same time it will be the duty of my advisers to present the measures of Government for your consideration, in such manner as to afford you the opportunity of reducing the Sessions within reasonable limits.

The evils of a protracted Session are not confined to the exacting of sacrifices from you which may operate very seriously upon your private affairs. An almost perpetual Session operates most injuriously on the administrative business of the country, scarcely second in importance to that of legislation. Time is necessary not merely for the preparation of those legislative measures which the growing wants of the community require, but for the successful execution of those great measures of material and social improvement which your legislation has initiated. In the arduous duty of carrying these improvements into execution, I need hardly assure you that my advisers will receive at my hands the most active and earnest co-operation and support.

I now, in Her Majesty's Name, declare this Parliament to be prorogued to the 8th day of July.

(Signed)

HENRY BARKLY.

FRAN^s. MURPHY,
Speaker.

SELECT COMMITTEES

APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION 1857-8.

1.—STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.

Appointed 4th December, 1857.

Mr. Aspinall,
*Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebden,
*Dr. Evans,
Mr. Fellows,

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
*Mr. O'Shanassy.

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

2.—LIBRARY.

Appointed 4th December, 1857.

The Speaker,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Colin Campbell,

Mr. Griffith,
*Mr. Gavan Duffy,
*†Mr. Chapman.

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

† Appointed 23rd February, 1858.

3.—PRINTING.

Appointed 4th December, 1857.

The Speaker,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Moore,

Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Snodgrass.

4.—REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

Appointed 4th December, 1857.

Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Brooke,

Mr. Horne,
Mr. Aspinall.

5.—EMERALD HILL CORRESPONDENCE.

Appointed 7th December, 1857.

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Harker,

Mr. Heales,
Mr. Langlands (*Mover*).

6.—FEDERAL UNION.

Appointed 14th December, 1857.

Mr. Michie,
*Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Ebden,
*Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Moore,
*Dr. Evans,

Mr. Horne,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Griffith,
*Mr. Harker,
*Mr. Gavan Duffy (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

7.—MR. W. L. MORTON.

Appointed 15th December, 1857.

Mr. Haines,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Grant,
Dr. Owens,

Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Wood (*Mover*).

8.—PARLIAMENT HOUSES.

Appointed 23rd December, 1857.

The Speaker,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Ebden,

*Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Moore (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

9.—BALLAARAT RIOTS—BENTLEY'S HOTEL.

Appointed 23rd December, 1857.

Mr. Haines,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
*Mr. O'Shanassy,

*Mr. Harker,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Wood,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Humffray (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

10.—REFORM BILLS.

Appointed 19th January, 1858 (by Ballot).

Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Colin Campbell,
Captain Clarke,
Mr. Heales,

Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Adamson.

11.—LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Appointed 22nd January, 1858.

Captain Clarke,
Mr. Aspinall,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,

*Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Smith,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Haines (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

12.—GEEELONG WATER SUPPLY.

Appointed 4th February, 1858.

Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Greeves,
Captain Clarke,

Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Brooke (*Mover*).

13.—J. G. MCGREGOR'S CASE.

Appointed 9th February, 1858.

Mr. D. S. Campbell,
*Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Langlands,
*Mr. Harker,
Mr. Haines (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

14.—CAPTAIN MAC MAHON'S CASE.

Appointed 19th February, 1858.

Mr. Haines,
*Dr. Evans,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Lalor,

Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Sitwell,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Aspinall (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

15.—UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA BILL.

Appointed 19th February, 1858.

Mr. Horne,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Snodgrass,

*Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Davis,
*Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Sitwell (*Mover*).

* Re-appointed 13th April, 1858.

16.—COAL FIELDS.

Appointed 15th April, 1858.

Mr. Brooke,
Captain Clarke,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Moore,

Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Hughes (*Mover*).

17.—SUPREME COURT SITTINGS BILL.

Appointed 16th April, 1858.

Mr. Harker,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Horne,

Mr. Wood,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Fellows (*Mover*).

18.—GEEELONG GAS BILL.

Appointed 13th April, 1858.

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Everard,

Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Brooke (*Mover*).

19.—GEEELONG BOUNDARIES RESTRICTION BILL.

Appointed 15th April, 1858.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Board,
Mr. Myles,Mr. Wills,
Mr. Sladen,
Dr. Thomson (*Mover*)

20.—CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.—(JOINT COMMITTEE)

Appointed 18th May, 1858.

The Speaker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Haines,Mr. Wood,
Mr. O'Shanassy (*Mover*).

21.—MRS. F. M. ILES.

Appointed 28th May, 1858.

Mr. Harker,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Aspinall,
Mr. Heales,Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Grant (*Mover*).

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Appointed 7th December, 1857.

Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Langlands,Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Wood,

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857.

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*Supply—Estimates for 1858.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the President of the Legislative Council for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1200 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the President of the Legislative Council for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Horne.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Smith,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

Noes, 16.

Capt. Anderson,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Moore, }

No. 2.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £800 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £500 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Council, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Horne.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. John Johnson,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

Noes, 13.
 Capt. Anderson,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*

No. 3.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £17090 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Chinese Protectorate, for the year 1858.—(*Mr Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £8545 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries of the Chinese Protectorate, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Rutledge.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Wood,
 Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Wilkie, }

Noes, 21.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Capt. Anderson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. John Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Moore, }

No. 4.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £214,821 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salaries and wages of police for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be postponed for increase.—(*Dr. Owens.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.
 Capt. Anderson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. John Johnson,

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,

Ayes—*continued.*

Mr. Ireland,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wood,
Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Hancock, }

Noes—*continued.*

Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Rutledge,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sladen, }

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER.

No. 5.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £300 be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Palæontologist and Director of the Museum of Natural History, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Gavan Duffy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Rutledge,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Ricardo, }

Noes, 13.

Capt. Anderson,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Moore, }

THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

No. 6.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1000 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the Secretary in the establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Estimate for the establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown be postponed.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Grant, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Hancock, }

Noes, 18.

Mr. Adamson,
Capt. Anderson,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sladen, }

FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER.

No. 7.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1500 be appropriated to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Sheriff, Melbourne, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £1300 be appropriated to defray the salary of the Sheriff, Melbourne, for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Humfray.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Humfray,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Grant, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Owens, }

Noes, 20.

Capt. Anderson,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. D. S. Campbell, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857.

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

No. 1.—*Supply — Estimates for 1858.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £5050 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the Colonial allowance to the Officers of Her Majesty's Troops for the year 1858.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be postponed for increase.—(*Capt. Anderson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. John Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Phelan,
Capt. Anderson, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Embling,

Noes, 16.
Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Humfray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Sitwell,

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 3.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

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Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 19TH JANUARY.

No. 1.—*Assessment on Stock.*

Motion made—That in the opinion of this Committee the following annual rates of Assessment on Stock be levied, viz. :—

For every 100 sheep, the sum of £2 5s.

For every 25 head of cattle or horses, £2 16s. 3d.—(*Mr. Moore.*)

Amendment proposed—That in the opinion of this Committee the following annual rates of Assessment on Stock be levied, viz. :—

Ninepence per head on every sheep,

Three shillings on every head of horned cattle, and

Six shillings per head on every horse.—(*Mr. Wills.*)

Question—That in the opinion of this Committee the following annual rates of Assessment on Stock be levied, viz. :—

For every 100 sheep, the sum of £2 5s

For every 25 head of cattle or horses, £2 16s. 3d.—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Moore,

Noes, 27.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Service,

WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY.

No. 2.—*Supply—Estimates for 1858.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £3,500 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of building a Bridge and approaches at Darebin Creek, on the road from Heidelberg to Essendon.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Phelan.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Wills,
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Owens, }

Noes, 18.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

No. 3.—Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £10,000 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858 of further improvements on the Upper Plenty road and connecting the same with Epping.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. W. G. Johnson,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Embling, }

Noes, 10.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Phelan, }

No. 4.—Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £5,000 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of building a Bridge and making other improvements on the road from Moonee Ponds to Brunswick.—(*Mr. Ebden.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. O'Brien, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Ricardo, }

Noes, 15.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

The tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" to be respectively 15 or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the "Noes," to afford a further opportunity to the Committee to express an opinion on the question.

No. 5.—Motion made and question put—That One shilling be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of building a Bridge and making other improvements on the road from Moonee Ponds to Brunswick.—(*Mr. O'Shanassy.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wills,
 Dr. Owens, }
 Mr. Phelan, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 15.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Adamson, }
 Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*

FRIDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

No. 6.—*Public Education Bill.*—Clause I.

Motion made—That the following words stand Clause I. of this Bill—"That secular instruction only, in the ordinary sense of the term shall be administered in the Schools to be established under this Act, or in any building belonging thereto."—(*Mr. Ireland.*)

Amendment proposed—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Question—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. C. Campbell, }
 Mr. Sladen, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 26.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Ireland, }
 Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*

Question—That the following words stand part of Clause I. of this Bill, viz.:—"That secular instruction only, in the ordinary sense of the term shall be administered in the Schools to be established under this Act"—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes 27.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Service, }

Noes, 10.
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Ricardo, }

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY.

No. 1. *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill.*—Proposed new Clause—

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, and the minutes of the proceedings of such meetings shall be open to the inspection of any person at all reasonable times, on payment of a fee of one shilling.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Motion made and question put—That this clause stand part of the Bill.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Capt. Clarke,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Lalor,
Capt. Perry,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Greeves, }
Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 14.
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Ebdon,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Adamson, }
Mr. Moore, } *Tellers.*

No. 2. Clause II.—

Notwithstanding the constitution of any district in the suburbs of the city of Melbourne to be a municipal district the said board may if they see fit exercise the same powers in respect of supplying water thereto as if such portion of the said suburbs had not been constituted a municipal district Provided the board shall not exercise the said powers unless they shall have first been desired by the council of such district to supply water thereto Provided also that the said board shall not exercise the said powers in any district now supplied by the South Yarra Water Works Company except upon payment to the said "Company" of the "amount" which shall have been actually and *bonâ fide* expended as capital by the said company prior to the passing of this Act.

Motion made and question put—That the following words be inserted after the word "company" in the eighth line of this clause, viz. :—"as and for the purchase of all the lands, tenements, hereditaments, plant, and water works belonging to the said company."—(*Mr. D. S. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Adamson, }
 Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 17.
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Dr. Embling,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Myles,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Heales, }
 Mr. Sitwell, } *Tellers.*

No. 3. Motion made and question put—That the following words be inserted after the word “amount” in the eighth line of the above clause, viz. :—“by way of purchase money for the now existing works, land, and plant of such company, of the full value of such works, land, and plant at the time of such purchase.”—(*Mr. Sitwell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Adamson, }
 Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 10.
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Myles,
 Chas. Read,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Heales, }
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*

No. 4. Motion made and question put—That this clause as amended be struck out.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Griffith,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Myles,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Heales, }
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 11.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Adamson, }
 Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY.

No. 5. *Supply—Estimates for 1858.*

Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £1,800 be appropriated to Her Majesty to defray the expense for the year 1858, of carrying out the provisions of the proposed “Distilleries Act.”—(*Mr. Ebden.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Heales.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Myles,
 Capt. Perry,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Langlands, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 17.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Phelan, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Ricardo, }

THURSDAY, 28th JANUARY.

No. 6. *Public Education Bill.*—New Clause—

That secular instruction only, in the ordinary sense of the term, shall be administered in the schools to be established under this Act.

Question proposed—That the following words, viz.:—“or in any buildings belonging thereto” be added to the above clause.—(*Mr. Ireland.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Smith.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Service, }

Noes, 26.*
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Ireland, }

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No. 7. Question—That the following words, viz.:—"or in any building belonging thereto" be added to the above clause—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Chas Read,
 Mr. Service,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Hancock, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Humffray, }

Noes, 10.
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Sladen, } *Tellers.*
 Capt. Perry, }

No. 8. Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. D. S. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sladen,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Capt. Perry, }

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,
 Chas. Read,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Humffray } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

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Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY.

No. 1. *Elections Regulations Bill.*

Motion made—That the first eighteen clauses of this Bill be postponed until after the consideration of the 19th clause.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Amendment proposed—That the first clause of this Bill be now read.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Further amendment proposed—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. Brooke.*)

Question—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.
Capt. Anderson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Humfray,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Snodgrass, }

Noes, 21.
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Brien,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Horne, }

The tellers having declared the numbers for the "Ayes" and the "Noes" to be respectively twenty-one, or equal, the Chairman gave his vote for the noes, and declared the question to have passed in the negative.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY.

No. 2. *Careless Use of Fire Restriction Bill.* Clause IV—

When any "building" ship or merchandize or any stack of corn pulse or hay or any growing crop shall be destroyed or damaged by fire the coroner having or exercising jurisdiction at or in the place where such fire shall have happened "shall" upon notice in writing from and at the instance of any person requesting such inquiry take an inquisition into the cause and origin of such fire in the same manner and with the same consequences powers rights and liabilities in all respects both as to the examination of witnesses and the commitment of the person named in such inquisition as in case of the death of any person.

Motion made and question put—That the following words be added to this clause, viz.:—
"And in every case of such inquisition the person calling upon the Coroner to make
"inquiry shall pay to him his fee not exceeding £5 5s."—(Mr. C. Campbell.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Beaver,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. C. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Findlay, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. O'Brien,
Dr. Owens,
Captain Perry,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY.

No. 3. *Sewerage and Water Act Amendment Bill.* New clause,

Notwithstanding anything contained in this or the said Act it shall be lawful for His Excellency the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council at any time after the passing of this Act to transfer to the Board of Land and Works all the lands hereditaments and property vested in the said Board of Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply and thereupon the said Board of Commissioners of Sewerage and Water Supply shall be dissolved and all the rights powers duties and authorities thereof shall be vested in and shall and may be exercised by the said Board of Land and Works.

Motion made and question put—That this clause stand part of the Bill.—(Mr. Brooke)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
Mr. C. Campbell, }

Noes, 7.

Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Capt. Perry, }

No. 4. Clause V—

The board shall from time to time after the completion of laying pipes for the supply of any street or part thereof cause notice to be given by their secretary in three consecutive numbers of the *Government Gazette* and in one or more of the newspapers published in Melbourne in the form of the schedule marked A to this Act annexed or to the like effect and the owner of each messuage or tenement referred to in such notice shall forthwith cause a proper pipe and stop-cocks to be laid so as to convey a supply of water within such messuage or tenement and if he shall omit so to do within the time mentioned in such notice the board shall lay such pipe and stop-cocks as aforesaid and recover the costs and charges thereof from such owner and immediately on such pipe being laid the occupier of such messuage or tenement shall be liable to pay the rates and charges for the supply of water as directed in this and the said Act Provided the Board shall not exercise the powers contained in this clause in the district within which the powers of the South Yarra Waterworks Company exist.

Motion made and question put—That the following words be added to the above clause, viz.:—
 “ And until the interests and rights of the said company shall be compensated by a duly appointed tribunal instituted by the Governor and Executive Council.”—(Mr. O’Shanassy.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O’Shanassy,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Ricardo, }
 Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Ricardo, }

Noes, 9.
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Myles,
 Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Service, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY.

No. 1. *Elections Regulation Bill*—

Motion made—"That" the consideration of the first eighteen clauses of this Bill be postponed until after the consideration of the nineteenth clause.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words, viz. :—"the first clause be now read."—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 25.

Capt. Anderson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Griffith,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Ware,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Moore,

Noes, 23.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Myles,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Service, } *Tellers*
Dr. Owens,

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

No. 2. Proposed New Clause—

At every general election for any district every such "elector" may give as many votes as there are members then to be elected for such district and shall be entitled at his discretion to give at such election one vote to each of any number of candidates not exceeding the number of members then to be elected or to distribute in such proportion

as he may think fit the whole number of votes which he is entitled to give among any lesser number of candidates or to give all his votes to one candidate and at every other election for any district and at every election for any province every such elector may give not more than one vote to each or any candidate not exceeding the number of members then to be elected and any ballot paper recording more than the legal number of votes at any election or not recording the number in words at full length at any general election shall be rejected at the close of the poll.

Motion made—That the above clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Amendment proposed—That all the words after the word “elector” in the first line of this clause be omitted, with a view to insert, instead thereof, the following words, viz. :—
“may vote for any number of candidates not exceeding the number next greater than one half of the number of members then to be chosen and any ballot paper recording a greater number of votes shall be rejected at the close of the poll.”—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause—put.

Committee divided.

| Ayes, 22. | Noes, 19. |
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| Capt. Anderson, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Beaver, | Capt. Clarke, |
| Mr. C. Campbell, | Mr. Gavan Duffy, |
| Mr. D. S. Campbell, | Mr. Everard, |
| Mr. Davis, | Mr. Grant, |
| Mr. Ebden, | Mr. Greeves, |
| Dr. Evans, | Mr. Harker, |
| Mr. Haines, | Mr. Heales, |
| Mr. Horne, | Mr. Hughes, |
| Mr. J. Johnson, | Mr. Myles, |
| Mr. Lalor, | Dr. Owens, |
| Mr. Langlands, | Mr. Phelan, |
| Mr. O'Brien, | Mr. Quarterman, |
| Mr. O'Shanassy, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Capt. Perry, | Mr. Service, |
| Mr. Sitwell, | Mr. Syme, |
| Mr. Ware, | Dr. Thomson, |
| Mr. Wilkie, | Mr. Brooke, } <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Mr. Wills, | Mr. Humffray, } |
| Mr. Wood, | |
| Mr. Fellows, } <i>Tellers.</i> | |
| Mr. Moore, } | |

No. 3—

Question—That the above clause stand part of the Bill—put.

Committee divided.

| Ayes, 24. | Noes, 17. |
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| Capt. Anderson, | Mr. Blair, |
| Mr. Beaver, | Capt. Clarke, |
| Mr. C. Campbell, | Mr. Everard, |
| Mr. D. S. Campbell, | Mr. Grant, |
| Mr. Davis, | Mr. Greeves, |
| Mr. Gavan Duffy, | Mr. Harker, |
| Mr. Ebden, | Mr. Heales, |
| Dr. Evans, | Mr. Myles, |
| Mr. Haines, | Dr. Owens, |
| Mr. Horne, | Mr. Phelan, |
| Mr. Humffray, | Mr. Quarterman, |
| Mr. J. Johnson, | Mr. Rutledge, |
| Mr. Lalor, | Mr. Service, |
| Mr. Langlands, | Mr. Syme, |
| Mr. O'Brien, | Dr. Thomson, |
| Mr. O'Shanassy, | Mr. Brooke, } <i>Tellers.</i> |
| Capt. Perry, | Mr. Hughes, } |
| Mr. Sitwell, | |
| Mr. Ware, | |
| Mr. Wilkie, | |
| Mr. Wills, | |
| Mr. Wood, | |
| Mr. Fellows, } <i>Tellers.</i> | |
| Mr. Moore, } | |

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY.

No. 1. *Assessment on Stock Bill.*—Clause II—

In and for the present and every following year there shall be levied and paid to Her Majesty upon and in respect of the stock of every person depasturing or keeping the same upon any Crown lands the following assessments (that is to say)—For every sheep the sum of “ ” pence and for every head of cattle shillings and for every horse the sum of shillings which assessments respectively shall be paid by the person assessed at the Treasury on or before the last day of November in every year.

Motion made and question put—That the first blank in the fourth line be filled up with the work “six.”—(*Mr. Snodgrass.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.
Mr. Adamson,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebdon,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Michie,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore, }
Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 21.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Humfray,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Heales, }
Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*

No. 2. Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr. C. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. C. Campbell, }
 Mr. Quarterman, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 31.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Heales, }
 Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers*

No. 3. Motion made and question put—That the first blank in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word "seven."—(*Mr. Snodgrass.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Findlay, }
 Mr. Forlonge, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 22.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Humffray, }
 Mr. Ricardo, } *Tellers.*

Motion made and question put—That the first blank in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the word "eight."—(*Mr. D. S. Campbell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Forlonge,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. J. Johnson,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Capt. Perry, }

Noes, 19.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Myles,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Humffray, }

Question proposed—That the second blank in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “two shillings and eightpence.”—(*Mr. D. S. Campbell.*)

Amendment proposed—That the second blank in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “three shillings.”—(*Mr. Snodgrass*)

Question—That the second blank in the fourth line of the above clause be filled up with the words “two shillings and eightpence”—put.
 Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Henty,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Michie,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Rutledge,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Forlonge, }

Noes, 26.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Capt. Perry,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Ricardo, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Snodgrass, }

WEDNESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY.

No. 6. *Elections Regulations Bill.*—Clause XLI—

Once in every year in the month of July the returning officer of every province and district shall appoint a fit and proper person to be an election officer to be called “*Election Auditor*” to act at any election or elections for and during the year then next ensuing

than one vote to each or any candidate not exceeding the number of members then to be elected and any ballot paper recording more than the legal number of votes at any election or not recording the number in words at full length at any general election shall be rejected at the close of the poll.

Motion made and question put—That the above clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Snodgrass.*)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 18,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Board,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Henty,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Owens,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Rutledge,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Grant, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Snodgrass, }

Noes, 20.
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wills,
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Fellows, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 8.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

No. 1. *Increase of Members Bill*—Schedule:

BOUNDARIES OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

1. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MELBOURNE.

Commencing at a point on the Yarra Yarra River due south of the south-western side of Gisborne-street; thence by a line bearing north to Gisborne-street; thence north by the western side of that street to Victoria-parade; thence west by the south side of Victoria-parade to the western side of Nicholson-street; thence north by the western side of Nicholson-street to the corporate limits of Melbourne; thence west by the said corporate limits to the Moonee Ponds; thence southwards by Moonee Ponds to the site of Main's Bridge; thence by a line bearing south to the Yarra Yarra River; and thence eastward by the Yarra Yarra River to the commencing point Seven.

Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly assigned to and returned for each Electoral District.

2. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ST. KILDA.

Bounded on the east by a road bearing north from the south-east angle of portion No. 32, east of Elsternwick, to the Yarra Yarra River; on the north by the Yarra Yarra River to Prince's Bridge; on the west by a road bearing south-west to the northern angle of section No. 46; on the north-west by Fitz Roy-street, St. Kilda, to the sea coast; on the south-west by the sea coast; and on the south by a road bearing east, south of Elsternwick, to the commencing point. Three.

3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF COLLINGWOOD.

Commencing at the junction of Nicholson-street and Victoria-parade; thence by the western side of Nicholson-street to the northern boundary of the corporate limits of Melbourne; thence on the north by the said corporate limits, bearing east to the Merri Merri Creek; thence by the Merri Merri Creek to its junction with the Yarra Yarra River; thence by the Yarra Yarra River to the south-east corner of section No. 63, parish of Jika Jika; thence by a line west to Victoria-street; and thence on the south by the northern side of Victoria-street and Victoria-parade to the commencing point. Five.

4. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH MELBOURNE AND WILLIAMSTOWN.

Commencing at a point on the sea coast being the south-eastern angle of portion A, section 3, parish of Cut-paw-paw; thence by a line bearing north to the Stony Creek; thence by the Stony Creek to the Yarra Yarra River; thence by the Yarra Yarra River to Prince's Bridge; thence south-east by the Brighton Main Road to the northern angle of section 46, St. Kilda; thence by Fitz Roy-street to the sea coast; and thence westward by the sea coast, crossing the outlet of the Yarra Yarra River, to the south-eastern angle of portion A, the commencing point ... **Three.**

Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly assigned to and returned for each Electoral District.

5. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF RICHMOND.

Commencing at a point on the Yarra Yarra River due south of the south-eastern side of Gisborne-street; bounded on the west by a line bearing north to Gisborne-street; thence by the east side of Gisborne-street to Victoria-parade; thence by the southern sides of Victoria-parade and Victoria-street, and a prolongation of that line to the Yarra Yarra River; and on the east and south by the Yarra Yarra River to the commencing point. **Three.**

6. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF GEELONG.

Bounded by a line drawn from a point on the eastern shores of Corio Bay, near point Henry, at a distance of two miles from the north-east angle of the township of Geelong, as a centre, bearing southerly to a point bearing east from the said angle; thence by a line south, crossing a small portion of Corio Bay, parallel with and at a distance of two miles from the eastern boundary of the said township, to a point bearing east from the south-east angle of the said township of Geelong; thence by a line drawn westerly, at a distance of two miles from the southern boundary of the said township, crossing the Barwon River and the Waurin Chain of Ponds to a point two miles west of the south-west angle of the said township; thence by a line bearing north parallel with and at a distance of two miles from the western boundary of the said township of Geelong to a point bearing west from the north-west angle of the said township; thence by a line drawn at a distance of two miles from the north-west angle of the township, as a centre, to the western shore of Corio Bay, near Cowie's Creek; and also to include the remaining portion of the reserve at Point Henry, and the reserve at the junction of the Morrabool with the River Barwon. **Five.**

7. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE SANDHURST BOROUGHES.

SANDHURST:—Commencing at a point on the Bendigo Creek forty chains southward of the junction of Ash-street and High-street; thence by a line bearing east 220 chains; thence by a line bearing north 320 chains; thence by a line bearing west 320 chains; thence by a line bearing south 320 chains; and thence by a line bearing east 100 chains to the commencing point.
LOCKWOOD:—Commencing at the south-western angle of suburban allotment 23, section 1; bounded on the east by a line northward from that point to the south-eastern angle of portion 44, section 4; on the north by a line bearing west to the south-western angle of allotment No. 1, section 4, on the west by a line bearing south to a point due west from the commencing point; and on the south by a line east to the south-west angle of suburban allotment No. 23, section 1, being the commencing point aforesaid **Three**

8. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH GRANT.

Bounded on the north by the Great Dividing Range, extending from the source of the Yarrowee River to that of the River Werribee; on the east by the River Werribee aforesaid to the western boundary of the Village Reserve of Ballan; thence by a line south-westerly to the source of Williamson's Creek; and by that creek and the said River Yarrowee to its source in the Great Dividing Range aforesaid **Five.**

9. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORTH GRENVILLE.

Bounded on the north by part of the Great Dividing Range from the source of the River Yarrowee to the source of the Burrumbeet Creek; thence by that creek and the southern shores of Burrumbeet Lake to the point

where Bailie's Creek leaves the lake; thence by Bailie's Creek to its confluence with Emu Creek; thence by Emu Creek down to a point north of the source of Gnarkeet Ponds; on the west by a line southwards and by the Gnarkeet Ponds to where they are crossed by the main road to Geelong; on the south by that road to the River Yarrowee; and on the east by the River Yarrowee to its source Three.

Number of Mem-
bers of the Legis-
lative Assembly
assigned to and
returned for each
Electoral District.

10. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BEECHWORTH.

Commencing at the junction of Whorouly Creek with the River Ovens; thence by a line bearing north twenty miles; thence by a line bearing east to the Little River; thence by the Little River to its source in the Dividing Range; thence by the Dividing Range and a line south to a point on the Ovens River nine miles above the junction with the River Buckland; thence by a line from the last-mentioned point to the source of the River Buckland; thence by the Dividing Range to the source of the River Buffalo; and thence on the south and west by that river and the Ovens to the commencing point Five.

11. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE LODDON.

Bounded on the west by the River Avoca from its source in the Great Dividing Range to its entrance to Lake Bael Bael; thence by a line northward to the River Murray; on the north by the River Murray; on the east by the River Campaspe to its junction with the Coliban; and on the south by the northern boundary of the Counties of Dalhousie and Talbot, to the commencing point, excepting the country comprised in the Electoral Districts of the Sandhurst Boroughs and Talbot Five.

12. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF TALBOT.

(Including the Castlemaine Boroughs.)

Bounded on the north-west and north by the south-western branch of the Loddon River, from its source near Mount Cole to its confluence with the main stream; thence by the Loddon River upwards to the confluence of Mount Alexander Creek, by this creek to its source under Mount Alexander; thence by Mount Alexander Range to the head of Myrtle Creek, and by this creek to its confluence with the Coliban River; on the east by the Coliban River upwards to its source, being part of the western boundary of the County of Dalhousie; and on the south by the Great Dividing Range to the source of the south-western branch of the Loddon River near Mount Cole, including Castlemaine, Elphinstone, Muckleford, and Harcourt, more particularly described as follows, that is to say:—

CASTLEMAINE:—Commencing at a point 1 chain 50 links north from the north-west angle of section 39, township of Castlemaine; bounded by lines bearing east 38 chains, south 160 chains, west 80 chains, north 160 chains, and east 42 chains to the commencing point.

ELPHINSTONE:—Commencing at the south-western corner of portion 3, section 1, north of Elphinstone; bounded on the west by a line south 80 chains; on the south by a line east 80 chains; on the east by a line north 80 chains to the south-western angle of portion 18, section 1; and on the north by a line west, crossing the main road to Sandhurst to the commencing point.

MUCKLEFORD:—Commencing at the south-eastern angle of allotment 50, section 7; thence north 200 chains, thence west 200 chains, thence south 240 chains, thence east 200 chains, thence north to the commencing point.

HARCOURT:—Commencing at the south-western angle of portion 27, section 4; bounded on the east by a line north to the north-western angle of portion 27, section 3; on the north by a line west to the main road to Sandhurst; on the west by a line south, crossing Barker's Creek 160 chains; and on the south by a line east 80 chains to the commencing point Seven.

13. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF BOURKE.

(Including East and West Bourke.)

Commencing at the mouth of the River Werribee; thence northwards by that river to its source in the Great Dividing Range; thence eastward by the Great Dividing Range to the source of the River Plenty; thence

southwards by the River Plenty to the Yarra Yarra River; thence by the Yarra Yarra River to the sea coast; and thence by the sea coast south-westerly to the mouth of the Werribee, the commencing point, excepting the country included in the Electoral Districts of Melbourne, Collingwood, Richmond, and South Melbourne and Williamstown ... Five.

Number of Mem-
bers of the Leg-
islative Assembly
assigned to and
returned for each
Electoral District.

14. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH BOURKE.

(Including Brighton.)

Bounded on the north and west by the Yarra Yarra River, from its mouth to its confluence with the Deep Creek; on the east by the Deep Creek, and a line south two miles and fifty-eight chains from that creek to Dandenong Creek; by that creek to the northern margin of the Carrum Swamp; by the Carrum Swamp and Mordialloc Creek to the beach below Ben Ben Gin; thence by the shores of Port Phillip Bay to the mouth of the Yarra Yarra River aforesaid, excepting the country included in the Electoral Districts of St. Kilda, and South Melbourne, and Williamstown ... Three.

15. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH GRANT.

Commencing at the mouth of the River Werribee; thence by that river to the western boundary of the Town Reserve of Ballan; thence by a line south-westerly to the source of Williamson's Creek; thence by that creek to the River Yarrowee; thence by that river to its confluence with the River Barwon; thence by the River Barwon to Hopkins's Creek; thence by that creek and a line south-east across the Dividing Range to the head of the Salt Creek, two miles and forty-eight chains; thence by the Salt Creek to the sea coast north of Point Roadknight; and thence by the sea coast and the shores of Port Phillip Bay to the mouth of the River Werribee, the commencing point, including the small islands near the channels of the mouth of Port Phillip Bay, and Geelong Bay, and excepting the country included in the Electoral District of Geelong ... Five.

16. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ANGLESEY AND DALHOUSIE.

(Including the Kyneton Boroughs, Kilmore, and Seymour.)

DALHOUSIE :—Bounded on the west by the River Coliban from its source in the Great Dividing Range to its confluence with the Campaspe River; thence by a line south easterly to the source of the McIvor, or Patterson's Creek; thence by a line north-easterly to the confluence of Hughes's Creek with the River Goulburn; on the east by the Goulburn River upwards until it joins the Dabyminga Creek, and by that creek to its source in the Dividing Range; and on the south by the Great Dividing Range westerly to the source of the River Coliban, the commencing point.

ANGLESEY :—Bounded on the west by part of the eastern boundary of the County of Dalhousie, namely, by the River Goulburn from the confluence of Hughes's Creek to the confluence of Dabyminga Creek; thence by Dabyminga Creek to its source in the Great Dividing Range; on the south by the Great Dividing Range to the main source of the River Goulburn; on the east by the range dividing the waters of the main source of the Goulburn and Big Rivers from those of the Rubicon and Snod-por-dock Creek, northward, to Mount Torbreck; thence by Jerusalem Creek to its confluence with the River Goulburn; thence by the River Goulburn to the confluence of the River Delatite; thence by the River Delatite and its north-west arm to the Dividing Range between the last-named arm and Septimus Creek; and on the north by that range to the source of Hughes's Creek, and thence by Hughes's Creek to its confluence with the River Goulburn, excepting the country included in the Electoral District of the Murray ... Three.

17. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF EVELYN, MORNINGTON, ALBERTON, AND GIPPS LAND.

EVELYN :—Bounded on the west by part of the eastern boundary of the County of Bourke, that is to say, by the River Plenty from its source to the River Yarra Yarra; thence by the River Yarra Yarra to the confluence of the Deep Creek; thence by that creek to the range between the Yarra Yarra and the Dandenong Creek; and on the south-east and north by the range forming the basin of the River Yarra Yarra.

- MORNINGTON**:—Bounded on the north by part of the southern boundary of the County of Evelyn, being the dividing range from the source of the River Buneep Buneep to the source of the Deep Creek; thence by that creek and a line south two miles fifty-eight chains to Dandenong Creek; thence by that creek to the Carrum Swamp, by that swamp and the Mordialloc Creek to its mouth at the Long Beach below Ben Ben Gin; thence by the shores of Port Phillip Bay to Point Nepean; on the south-west and south by the sea coast from Point Nepean to Cape Patterson; on the east by a line north from Cape Patterson to the Warringrin Range; thence along the said range in a northerly direction to the mouth of the River Buneep Buneep, and by that River to its source in the Dividing Range, including French and Phillip Islands and the small islands in Western Port Bay.
- GIPPS LAND**:—Bounded on the south and east by the sea; on the north by a line bearing west from Cape Howe to the source of the nearest tributary of the Murray, and by the Alps; and on the west by the Alps and the Counties of Evelyn and Mornington Three.

Number of Mem-
bers of the Legis-
lative Assembly
assigned to and
returned for each
Electoral District.

18. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF NORMANBY, DUNDAS, AND FOLLETT.

(Including Portland.)

- NORMANBY**:—Bounded on the north by the Grange Burn and Wannon River, until the latter joins the Glenelg River; on the west by the Glenelg River until it reaches the sea; on the south by the sea shore to the mouth of the Shaw River; and on the east by the western branch of the Shaw River to its source, by a line northerly to the source of the Swamp Creek, and by that creek to where it empties itself into the Mount Napier Swamp; and thence by a line due north six miles fifteen chains to the Grange Burn, including the Lawrence and Lady Julia Percy's Islands.
- DUNDAS**:—Bounded on the west and north by the Glenelg River upwards from the confluence of the Wannon to its source between the Victoria Range and Grampians, near Mount William; on the east by the Grampians to the rocky extremity near Mount Abrupt; thence by the Range to Mount Sturgeon and by a line crossing the Wannon River to the north-east corner of the County of Normanby at the Grange Burn; and on the south by the Grange Burn and the Wannon River to its confluence with the Glenelg.
- FOLLETT**:—Bounded on the west by the one hundred and forty-first meridian, being the line dividing the Colony of Victoria from South Australia; on the south and east by the Glenelg River upwards to its confluence with Power's Creek, and on the north-east and north by Power's Creek to its source; thence by a line westward to the head of Mosquito Creek; and thence by that creek to the boundary line Three.

19. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VILLIERS AND HEYTESBURY.

(Including Belfast and Warrnambool.)

- VILLIERS**:—Bounded on the west by a line due south from the Grange Burn to the mouth of the Swamp Creek; thence by that creek upwards to its source, thence by a line to the head of the western branch of the River Shaw, and thence by the west branch of the River Shaw to the sea; on the south by the sea to the entrance of the River Hopkins; on the east by the said River Hopkins to the confluence of the creek above Wisclaskie's Station, and by that creek to its source; on the north by a line westward from the source of the last-named creek to the rocky extremity of the Grampians near Mount Abrupt; thence by the principal range of the Grampians to Mount Sturgeon, and by a line south-westerly to the north-east corner of the County of Normanby at the Grange Burn, including all the islands at Port Fairy.
- HEYTESBURY**:—Bounded on the north-west and north by part of the eastern boundary of the County of Villiers and the southern boundary of the County of Hampden, being the Hopkins River from its estuary to the confluence of the Emu Creek, and a line easterly to the north end of Lake Pormbeet, thence by a line east to Lake Korangamite, by the southern shore of that lake to the mouth of the Pirron Yaloak Creek; on the east and south-east by the Pirron Yaloak Creek to its source; thence by a range to the head of the Gellibrand River, by the Gellibrand River to the sea coast; and on the south-west and west by the sea coast to the estuary of the Hopkins River Three.

20. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF RIPON, HAMPDEN, POLWARTH,
AND SOUTH GRENVILLE.

(Including Colac.)

- RIPON**:—Bounded on the west by the Grampian Range (which divides the waters of the Wimmera and Glenelg Rivers from those of the River Hopkins) to the rocky extremity near Mount Abrupt; on the south by a line easterly to the source of the first creek which joins the River Hopkins above Wiselaskie's Station on the western side, and by that creek to the River Hopkins, thence by a line east to Lake Boloke, thence by the southern shores of Lake Boloke to the mouth of the Prackmingerrin Creek, and by that creek upwards to a point where a great bend of the creek turns northward, thence by a line to a point in Emu Creek about one mile below, and to the west of the confluence of Broken Creek; on the south-east and east by Emu Creek to the confluence with Bailie's Creek, by Bailie's Creek to Lake Burrumbeet, by the southern shores of Lake Burrumbeet and Burrumbeet Creek to its source in the Great Dividing Range; and on the north by the Great Dividing Range to the western boundary aforesaid.
- HAMPDEN**:—Bounded on the west by the River Hopkins upwards from the confluence of the Emu Creek to the point opposite to the mouth of the small creek above Wiselaskie's Station, dividing it from the County of Villiers; on the north by the southern boundary of the County of Ripon, being a line east from the confluence of the creek near Wiselaskie's Station already mentioned to Lake Boloke, then by the southern shore of Lake Boloke to the mouth of the Prackmingerrin Creek, then by that creek upwards until it reaches a spot where it forms a great bend to the northward, from that point by a line in a south-easterly direction to Emu Creek about one mile below, and westward of the mouth of Broken Creek, thence by Emu Creek to the point north of the source of Gnarkeet Ponds; then on the east by the west boundary of the County of Grenville, viz.:—1st, by a line southerly to the source of Gnarkeet Ponds, then by Gnarkeet Ponds to Lake Korangamite, and thence by the west shore of Lake Korangamite to a point east of Lake Pormbeet; and on the south by a direct line to the north end of Lake Pormbeet, and from the north end of Lake Pormbeet to the nearest part of Emu Creek, and thence by Emu Creek to its confluence with the River Hopkins.
- POLWARTH**:—Bounded on the west by the River Gellibrand, upwards to its source; thence by the range to the source of the Pirron Yoloak Creek; thence by the Pirron Yoloak Creek to Lake Korangamite; thence by the south-eastern shores of Lake Korangamite and a line bearing east to the northern shores of Lake Colac; thence by the shores of that lake to a point due west of the source of the Birregurra Creek; thence by a line east and by the Birregurra Creek, to the River Barwon; thence by the River Barwon to Hopkins's Creek; thence by Hopkins's Creek, and a line across the Dividing Range, to the Salt Creek; thence by the Salt Creek to the sea coast north of Point Roadknight; and thence by the sea coast to the River Gellibrand.
- SOUTH GRENVILLE**:—Bounded on the north by the main road between Portland and Geelong, from its intersection with the River Yarrowee to the Gnarkeet Ponds; on the west by the Gnarkeet Ponds to Lake Korangamite; thence by the western shores of that lake to a point east of Pormbeet; on the south by the southern shore of Lake Korangamite; thence by a line east from Lake Korangamite to the north shore of Lake Colac; thence by the north shore of Lake Colac to a point west from the Birregurra Creek, and from that point by a line east to the source of the Birregurra Creek, and by that creek to its confluence with the Barwon; and on the east by the Rivers Barwon and Yarrowee to the commencing point Three.

Number of Mem-
bers of the Legis-
lative Assembly
assigned to and
returned for each
Electoral Dis-
trict.

21. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE MURRAY AND RODNEY.

(Including all the Murray Boroughs except Seymour.)

MURRAY:—Bounded on the south and west by the Counties of Evelyn and Anglesey and the River Goulburn to its junction with the River Murray; on the north and north-east by the River Murray; and on the east by the Great Dividing Range, including Avenel, more particularly described as follows, that is to say:—commencing at a point on Hughes's Creek, being the south-east angle of suburban portion E 6; thence west 118 chains; thence north 155 chains, 40 links, crossing Hughes's

Creek; thence east 134 chains 60 links; thence south 134 chains 40 links; thence west to Hughes's Creek, and thence by that creek to the commencing point; and excepting the country comprised in the Electoral District of Beechworth.

Number of Members of the Legislative Assembly assigned to and returned for each Electoral District.

RODNEY:—Commencing at the confluence of the Rivers Campaspe and Coliban; thence by a line south-easterly to the source of the McIvor or Patterson's Creek; thence by a line north-easterly to the confluence of Hughes's Creek with the River Goulburn; and thence by the Rivers Goulburn, Murray, and Campaspe, to the confluence of the Rivers Campaspe and Coliban aforesaid Three.

22. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE WIMMERA.

Bounded on the west by the boundary line of Victoria and South Australia; on the north by the River Murray; on the east by a line to Lake Bael Bael, thence by the River Avoca to its source; and on the south by the boundaries of the Counties of Follett, Dundas, and Ripon Five.

Question proposed—That the above Schedule stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Haines.*)

Motion made and question put—That the above Schedule be struck out.—(*Capt. Clarke.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Board,
Mr. Brooke,
Capt. Clarke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Forlonge,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Dr. Owens,
Capt. Perry,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Syme,
Mr. Ware,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 18.

Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Mr. Ebden,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Sladen,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Humfray, } *Tellers.*

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 9.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1858.

No. 1. *Electoral Districts Alteration Bill—Schedule.*

Question proposed—That the Electoral District of Melbourne consist of the following divisions, viz.:—St. Patrick's, St. Francis's, St. Mary's, St. James's and Railway, and that such district return three members.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the district of Melbourne remain as it is at present.—(*Mr. Wood.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Michie,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Moore, }
Mr. Wood, } *Tellers.*

Noes, 27.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Blair,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Ricardo,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Ware,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Service, }
Mr. Snodgrass, } *Tellers.*

No. 2—

Question proposed—That the Electoral Divisions of Castlemaine consist of the divisions of Castlemaine and Fryer's Creek, and return four members.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the division of Castlemaine be a separate Electoral District.—(*Mr. Sitwell.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Ware,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Langlands, }

Noes, 23.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Brooke, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. O'Brien, }

No. 3. *Mr. J. G. M. Wigley.*

Question proposed—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for this year the sum of £166 19s., as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly on his case.—(*Mr. Humffray.*)

Motion made and question put—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for this year the sum of £50 as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly on his case.—(*Mr. O'Brien.*)

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 12.
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Everard, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Greeves, }

Noes, 13.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Snodgrass, }

No. 4.

Motion made and question put—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for this year the sum of £52 10s., as compensation to Mr. J. G. M. Wigley, in accordance with the Report from the Select Committee of the Assembly on his case.—(*Mr. Fellows.*)

Assembly divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Everard, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Fellows, }

Noes, 13.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
 Dr. Owens, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 10.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 20TH APRIL.

No. 1. *Electoral Districts Alteration Bill.*—Schedule.

Question proposed—That the Electoral District of “The Four Counties” consist of the following divisions, viz.:—Polwarth, &c., Colac, Ripon, and Hampden, and that [such district return two members.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Electoral District of “The Four Counties” be divided into Polwarth, South Grenville, and Colac, as one district, and Ripon and Hampden as a second district.—(*Mr. Hancock.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes 12.
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Hancock, }

Noes, 32.
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Board,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Humfray,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Syme,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Wilkie, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Horne, }

No. 2. Question proposed—That the Electoral District of Collingwood return five members.—
(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Electoral District of Collingwood return four members.—(*Mr. Heales.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Findlay,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Ricardo,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Greeves, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Phelan, }

Noes, 13.
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Mr. Humffray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Grant, }

No. 3. Question proposed—That the Electoral District of Gippsland consist of the divisions of Gippsland, Phelan, and return one member.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the divisions of Gippsland and Alberton be separate Electoral Districts.—(*Mr. Davis.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.
Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Beaver,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Lalor,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Quarterman,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Snodgrass,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wood,
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
Mr. G. W. Johnson, }

Noes, 15.
Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Wilkie, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Ricardo, }

No. 4. Question proposed—That each of the Electoral Districts of Murray and Murray Boroughs return one member.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the Electoral District of Murray return two members.—(*Mr. Adamson.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Dr. Embling,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Humffray, }

Noes, 22.
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Capt. Clarke,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Snodgrass,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

No. 5. Question proposed—That the Electoral District of Dundas consist of the following divisions, viz:—Dundas, Follett, and Horsham, and return one member.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put—That the divisions of Dundas and Follett be one Electoral District, and that the division of Horsham constitute another Electoral District.—(*Mr. Mollison.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 21.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. C. Campbell,
 Captain Clarke,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Hancock,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Ricardo,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Fellows, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Snodgrass, }

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Service, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

No. 6. Question proposed—That the Electoral District of Normanby consist of the divisions of Normanby and Portland, and return two members.—(*Mr. Chapman.*)

Motion made and question put that the Electoral District of Normanby return three members.—(*Mr. Hughes.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Ebdon,
 Mr. Fellows,
 Mr. Findlay,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Hughes, }

Noes, 21.
 Mr. Beaver,
 Mr. Board,
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Gavan Duffy,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Humffray,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Langlands,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Service,
 Mr. Wood,
 Mr. Harker, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 11.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL.

No. 1. *Crown Explanation Bill.*—Clause I—

Whenever in any legislative enactment in force in Victoria any power or authority is vested in or any act matter or thing is required or authorised to be done or performed by the Crown such power or authority shall be vested in and any such act matter or thing shall and may be done or performed by the Governor of Victoria and every power or authority heretofore exercised or act matter or thing heretofore done or performed by the Governor Lieutenant Governor or person for the time being administering the Government of Victoria and which would have been legal and binding if done by Her Majesty the Queen under the authority of any legislative enactment in force in Victoria shall be considered and is hereby declared to be as legal and binding as if the same power or authority had been exercised or the act matter or thing had been done or performed by Her Majesty the Queen or as if the expression "The Governor" "Lieutenant Governor" or "Officer Administering the Government of Victoria" had been originally substituted for the expression "the Crown" in such enactments respectively.

Question proposed—That this clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Capt. Clarke.*)

Motion made question put—That the chairman do leave the Chair.—(*Mr. Greeves.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Fellows,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Quarterman,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. D. S. Campbell, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales,

Noes, 20.

Mr. Beaver,
Mr. Board,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gavan Duffy,
Dr. Embling,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Haines
Mr. Hancock,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Humffray,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. O'Brien,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Smith,
Capt. Clarke, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Service,

No. 2. Motion made—That Clause I. be struck out with the view of inserting the following words in place thereof, viz. :—“The word ‘Crown’ in the thirty-eighth section of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled ‘*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Melbourne and Hobson’s Bay Railway Company*’ shall henceforth be construed to mean ‘Governor in Council.’”—(Mr. Fellows.)

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

Committee divided.

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| <p>Ayes, 18.</p> <p>Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Embling, Mr. Everard, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Horne, Mr. Humffray, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Myles, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. O’Shanassy, Dr. Owens, Mr. Smith, Capt. Clarke, } Mr. Service, } <i>Tellers.</i></p> | <p>Noes, 17.</p> <p>Mr. Beaver, Mr. Board, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Davis, Mr. Ebden, Mr. Fellows, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Harker, Mr. Heales, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mollison, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Quarterman, Dr. Thomson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Wilkie, } Mr. D. S. Campbell, } <i>Tellers</i></p> |
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No. 3. Motion made and question put—That the Chairman report progress.—(Mr. Greeves.)

Committee divided.

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| <p>Ayes, 15.</p> <p>Mr. Board, Mr. Brooke, Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. Davis, Mr. Ebden, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Harker, Mr. Heales, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Mollison, Dr. Thomson, Mr. Wilkie, Mr. Wood, Mr. D. S. Campbell, } Mr. Fellows, } <i>Tellers.</i></p> | <p>Noes, 17.</p> <p>Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Dr. Embling, Mr. Everard, Mr. Haines, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Horne, Mr. Humffray, Mr. Ireland, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Myles, Mr. O’Brien, Mr. O’Shanassy, Dr. Owens, Mr. Smith, Capt. Clarke, } Mr. Service, } <i>Tellers.</i></p> |
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 12.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 1858.

No. 1.—*Additional Expenditure for 1858.*

Motion made and question put—That a sum not exceeding £145 16s. 8d. be voted to defray the salary of one clerk, from 1st June, 1858, in the Receiver's and Paymaster's Branch of the Treasury, Melbourne.—(*Mr. Harker.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.
 Mr. Adamson,
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Horne,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Lalor,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Brien,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Phelan, }

Noes, 5
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Greeves,
 Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

No. 2. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £116 13s. 4d. be voted towards defraying the salary, from 1st June, 1858, of a Receiver and Paymaster at Port Albert.—(*Mr. Harker.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Heales.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Davis,
 Mr. Ebden,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Sitwell, }

Noes, 12.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Smith,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Phelan, }

No. 3. Question proposed—That a sum not exceeding £25,000 be voted to defray grant in aid of the Municipality of Melbourne, on condition that the expenditure be incurred with the concurrence of the Board of Land and Works.—(*Mr. Harker.*)

Motion made and question put—That this item be struck out.—(*Mr. Everard.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Syme,
 Mr. Wills,
 Dr. Owens, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Everard, }

Noes, 17.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Dr. Embling,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Heales,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Adamson, }

No. 4. Amendment proposed—That the following words be added to the above question, viz., "When the Corporation of Melbourne shall levy a rate of one shilling and sixpence in the pound."—(*Mr. Wills.*)

Question—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Everard,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Dr. Owens, }

Noes, 16.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Dr. Embling,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. Myles,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

No. 5. Further amendment proposed—That the above sum be reduced to £20,100, with a view to £4,900 being subsequently voted to Geelong.—(*Mr. Sitwell.*)

Question—That the above sum be reduced to £20,100—put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. Brooke,
 Mr. Crews,
 Mr. Haines,
 Mr. G. W. Johnson,
 Mr. Myles,
 Dr. Owens,
 Mr. Perry,
 Mr. Quarterman,
 Mr. Sitwell,
 Mr. Syme,
 Dr. Thomson,
 Mr. Wills,
 Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Everard, }

Noes, 15.
 Mr. Blair,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. Davis,
 Dr. Embling,
 Dr. Evans,
 Mr. Grant,
 Mr. Harker,
 Mr. Hughes,
 Mr. Ireland,
 Mr. Mollison,
 Mr. O'Shanassy,
 Mr. Phelan,
 Mr. Wilkie,
 Mr. Smith, } *Tellers.*
 Mr. Heales, }

FRIDAY, 21st MAY, 1858.

No. 1.—*Medical Practitioners Bill*—New Clause I.

Any person representing himself to be a legally qualified medical practitioner and practising as such who shall not have received a certificate from the Medical Board of Victoria shall on conviction thereof before two or more justices of the peace be fined for the first

offence any sum not less than ten nor more than twenty pounds and for the second and every subsequent offence the sum of fifty pounds and in default of payment shall be imprisoned not less than one nor more than three months.

Motion made and question put—That the following proviso, viz., Provided that the Medical Board shall upon receiving satisfactory evidence that any person was prior to the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and fifty following the profession of a medical man in Australia and since continued to do so grant to such person a “permissive certificate” to exercise and carry on the duties of a medical practitioner in the Colony of Victoria—be added to the above clause.—(*Dr. Owens.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Blair,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Crews,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Sitwell,
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
Dr. Owens, }

Noes, 7.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Adamson, }

No. 2.—Proposed new Clause—

“Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with any person who may practice the medical system of homœopathy at the time of the passing of this Act.”

Motion made and question put—That the above clause stand part of the Bill.—(*Mr. Heales.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Brooke,
Mr. C. Campbell,
Mr. Crews,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Ireland,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Wilkie,
Mr. Heales, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Blair, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Adamson,
Mr. Davis,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. G. W. Johnson,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. Mollison,
Dr. Embling, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Service, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 13.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS
IN
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

FRIDAY, 28TH MAY, 1858.

No. 1.—*Imprisonment for Debt abolition Bill*—Clause I.

No person shall be arrested on any writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum* warrant or other process issuing out of any county court or on any warrant or other process issuing out of any court of petty sessions or by authority of any justice of the peace for the satisfaction of or relating to any debt demand or damage unless such court or justice as the case may be shall be satisfied by affidavit that the defendant fraudulently conceals money goods or valuable securities from his judgment creditor or that the defendant is about to leave the colony without satisfying the judgment or that he has any income salary or other means whereby in the opinion of such court or justice as the case may be he can pay such judgment.

Question proposed—That this clause be struck out.—(*Mr. Ireland.*)

Motion made and question put—That the chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.

—(*Mr. Service.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Davis,
Mr. Ebden,
Mr. Haines,
Mr. Harker,
Mr. J. Johnson,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Phelan,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Sitwell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Heales, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Chapman,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Ireland, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Blair, }

VICTORIA.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 14.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY.

Extracted from the Minutes.

Session 1857-8.

TUESDAY, 1st JUNE, 1858.

No. 1.—*Imprisonment for Debt abolition Bill*—Proposed new Clause—

From and after the passing of this Act the LIV. section of the first recited Act together with so much of the first section of the same Act as repeals sections VI. VII. and VIII. of an Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty numbered 14 and also the XLIII. section of the second recited Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed Provided that the hereinbefore recited section of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty numbered 14 shall be revived and shall have the same force and effect as if the same had not been repealed Provided also that all proceedings in execution of the said Acts hereby repealed or either of them taken before the commencement of this Act shall be as valid to all intents and purposes and may be continued executed and enforced against all persons liable in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed.—(*Mr. Grant.*)

Motion made and question put—That the chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.

—(*Mr Heales.*)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. D. S. Campbell,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Heales,
Mr. Mollison,
Mr. Myles,
Mr. Service,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wills,
Mr. Adamson, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Harker, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Crews,
Dr. Evans,
Mr. Everard,
Mr. Grant,
Mr. Greeves,
Mr. Horne,
Mr. Hughes,
Mr. Langlands,
Mr. O'Shanassy,
Dr. Owens,
Mr. Perry,
Mr. Phelan,
Dr. Thomson,
Mr. Humfray, } *Tellers.*
Mr. Ireland, }

