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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES, FOR 1875.)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1875.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-IN-CHIEF.

1. The Trustees of the Australian Museum have the honor to submit to your Excellency this their twenty-second Annual Report.

2. The Museum has been open to the public daily (Sundays excepted) during the past year, and has been visited by 62,888 persons. (*Appendix 3.*)

3. Correspondence has been maintained with Foreign Scientific Institutions, and satisfactory arrangements made for exchanges of specimens of Natural History.

4. The Trustees consider it of the utmost importance that a Collector of specimens of Natural History should be appointed, for the purpose of rendering more complete the present collection of Australian Genera, and for providing a stock of duplicate specimens for exchange with other Museums, and they have therefore (by letter of March 7th) requested the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to place on the Estimates for that purpose the sum of £250.

5. The list of donations which is appended shows an increase in the number of contributors over those of the previous year. (*Appendix 5.*)

6. The First Part of the Catalogue of Australian Birds, containing a descriptive list of the Australian Diurnal Accipitres in the Museum Collection has been prepared by the Curator, Mr. E. P. Ramsay, and published at the Government Printing Office, by authority of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

7. Two Taxidermists have been occupied during the year in preserving, mounting, and remounting specimens, and in keeping in order the extensive collection now in the Museum.

8. Two vacancies at the Board have occurred during the year, by reason of the absence for more than six months of Dr. Fortescue and H. C. Russell, Esq., B.A., and the same have been filled up by the election of Commander Stackhouse, R.N., and the re-election of Mr. Russell on his return to the Colony.

9. On the 7th, 8th, and 9th September, the motion for a new trial in the case *Kreft versus Hill* was argued in the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice refused to sit, on the ground that he was one of the official Trustees of the Institution, and the application was therefore argued before Mr. Justice Hargrave and Mr. Justice Faucett. Mr. Justice Hargrave delivered a judgment, in which he supported Mr. Justice Cheeke's ruling, to the effect that the Trustees had no power to dismiss Mr. Krefft; and Mr. Justice Faucett ruled entirely the other way. The Court being divided, the result is that the verdict for £250, delivered on the trial before Mr. Justice Cheeke, remains unimpeached. The amount in question being under £500, the Trustees had no right of appeal to the Privy Council, or of obtaining a stay of procedure, without a special application to the Appeal Court, and they were therefore compelled to pay the amount recovered, which, together with costs on both sides, amounted to the total sum of £761 19s. 1d.

10. As the Trustees felt that they had done all that could be reasonably expected of them to protect the interests of the Institution, they did not feel themselves called upon to prosecute an appeal to Her Majesty in Privy Council, but in order to enable the Government of the Colony to do so, they wrote to the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction the letter of which a copy is appended. (*Appendix 7.*)

The Appendices contain the following:—

No. 1. An Abstract of the Receipts and Payments of the Trustees on behalf of the Museum for the year ending December 31st, 1875.

No. 2. A list of the Books purchased during the year.

No. 3. A tabulated Statement of the number of Visitors for each month.

No. 4. Particulars of work done by the Taxidermists.

No. 5. List of Donations.

No. 6. Specimens forwarded to Foreign Institutions for exchange.

No. 7. Letter of date September 15th, 1875, addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

The Trustees have the honor to submit this their Report for the year 1875, and in testimony thereof have caused their corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, this 31st day of May, 1875.

A. W. SCOTT, M.A.,
Chairman.

APPENDIX No. 1.

BALANCE SHEET of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ending December 31, 1875.

1875.		£	s.	d.	Dec. 31, 1875—		£	s.	d.
Jan. 1...	To balance forward	139	7	11	By salaries	1,002	1	0	
" 4...	" Colonial Treasurer	250	0	0	" books	66	0	6	
April 1...	" " "	250	0	0	" stationery, printing, and photographic materials	11	16	6	
July 1...	" " "	250	0	0	" purchase of specimens	9	4	0	
Aug. 18...	" " "	427	15	6	" furniture	18	0	0	
Sep. 1...	" " "	41	13	4	" chemicals	45	6	1	
" 29...	" " "	200	0	0	" ironmongery and ironwork	9	0	0	
Oct. 1...	" " "	250	0	0	" timber	9	14	11	
" 1...	" " "	41	13	4	" fuel	7	15	6	
Nov. 1...	" " "	41	13	4	" petty cash and postage	59	0	0	
Dec. 1...	" " "	41	13	4	" law expenses—Krefft v. Hill	761	19	1	
" 31...	" Debit balance	66	0	10					
		£ 1,999 17 7					£ 1,999 17 7		

CHAS. ROBINSON,
Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 2.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE MUSEUM LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1875.

Annals and Magazine of Natural History.
Athenæum.
Iconica.
Nature.
Philosophical Magazine.
Transactions of the Entomological Society.
Journal of the Linnean Society.
The Ibis.

E. PIERSON RAMSAY,
Curator.

APPENDIX No. 3.

THE MUSEUM was opened for 311 days, with an average attendance of 202·21 per diem, as follows:—

	Days.	Visitors.
January	26	6,460
February	24	3,856
March	26	5,945
April	26	7,485
May	26	4,384
June	26	5,018
July	27	4,932
August	26	4,367
September	26	4,487
October	26	4,695
November	26	5,368
December	26	5,891
	311	62,888

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Curator.

APPENDIX No. 4.

PARTICULARS of work done by the Taxidermists.

25 Mammals mounted.
6 " skinned.
20 " remounted from old collection.
22 Birds mounted.
65 " remounted from old collection.
182 " skinned.
8 Fishes mounted, including a large Sunfish
(*Orthogoriscus*), nov. sp.
2 Reptiles.
3 Crustaceans mounted.

SKELETONS PREPARED AND MOUNTED.

1 Parrot (*Platycercus personatus*).
1 Seal (*Stenorhynchus leptonyx*), large specimen.
1 Dolphin (*Tursio catalania*), large.
2 Whales (*Kogia grayi*).
2 Native Bears (*Phascolarctos cinereus*).
1 Monkey (*Semnopithecus sp.*).
1 Cat (*Felis domestica*).
1 Pelican (*Pelicanus conspicillatus*).

SKELETONS REMOUNTED.

1 Thylacine (*Thylacinus cynocephalus*).
1 Seal (*Phoca vitulina*).

1 Seal (*Stenorhynchus leptonyx*).
2 Dugongs (*Halicore australis*).
1 Whale (*Kogia grayi*).
1 Dolphin (*Delphinus sp.*).
2 Dogs (domestic breeds).
1 Kangaroo (*Osphranter rufus*).
1 Tiger (*Felis regalis*).
1 Hyæna (*H. striata*).
1 Harpactes sp.
1 Nasua sp.
1 Procyon lotor.
1 Tragulus javanicus.
1 Reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*).
1 Lama (*Auchenia llama*).
1 Merino Ram (*Ovis hispanica*).
1 Dog-faced Baboon (*Cynocephalus babouin*).
1 Monkey (*Macacus sp.*).
1 " (*Troglodytes niger*).
1 Canis occidentalis.
1 Herpestes sp.

STERNA OF BIRDS.

114 Specimens prepared.

E. PIERSON RAMSAY,
Curator.

APPENDIX No. 5.

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LIST OF DONATIONS.

MAMMALS.

	PRESENTED BY
Three skulls of Natives of New Caledonia	Dr. A. Roberts.
The skull of an Aboriginal from Port Stephens	Mrs. Glover.
Two skulls of Natives, from Fiji and Tonga	D. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
A Monkey (<i>Semuopithecus</i> sp.)	Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S., Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
A young Leopard (<i>Leopardus varius</i>)	
A Nasua (<i>Nasua monarcho</i>)	E. S. Hill, Esq., J.P., C.M.Z.S.
Six Flying-foxes (<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>)	
A Bat (<i>Scotophilus nigrogriseus</i>)	E. Pierson Ramsay, F.L.S., &c.
A large Bat (<i>Rhynolophus</i> sp. nov.)	
The Skull of a Lion (<i>Leo barbarus</i>)	Mrs. Robinson.
A Flying Mouse—Opossum (<i>Acrobates pygmaea</i>)	Mr. G. Streatfield.
A Flying Opossum (<i>Petaurista taquanoides</i>)	Master J. Findlater.
A Woolly Opossum (<i>Phalangista laniginosa</i>)	Mr. A. Fathers.
A Striped Opossum (<i>Dactylopsila trivirgata</i>)	Mr. J. Montgomery, of Cardwell, Queensland.
A Ring-tailed Opossum (<i>Phalangista laniginosa</i>)	Mr. G. M'Colley.
A Cook's Opossum (<i>Phalangista cooki</i>) (in spirits)	Mrs. Glover.
A young Kangaroo (<i>Macropus major</i>)	Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S., Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
A Kangaroo, young (<i>Macropus major</i>)	
A Wallaby, young, from the pouch	Mrs. Glover.
Two skulls of <i>Halmaturus ruficollis</i>	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
Two specimens of a new genus of Rat-kangaroo (<i>Hypsiprimnodon moschatus</i>)	E. Pierson Ramsay, F.L.S.
A Bandicoot (<i>Perameles nasuta</i>)	Hon. S. D. Gordon.
A Bandicoot (<i>Perameles nasuta</i>)	Mrs. Glover.
A Native Cat (<i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>)	Mr. R. Williams.
An Antechinus sp. ?	Mr. J. Unwin.
The skeleton of a large Seal (<i>Stenorhynchus leptonyx</i>)	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
A live Seal (<i>Zalophus</i> sp.)	Mr. M'Leod.
The skull of a Porpoise (<i>Delphinus</i> sp.)	D. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
The skull of a Killer (<i>Orca capensis</i>)	Mrs. Robinson.
The skull of a Dolphin (<i>Delphinus</i> sp.)	
The mandibles of a small sp. of Orca	Mr. J. Smith.
The skeleton of a small and rare species of Sperm Whale (<i>Euphysetes</i> sp.?) probably new	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
The lower jaw of the above (<i>Euphysetes</i> sp.?)	Mr. Heaton.
The tooth of an aged male Mesoplodon (<i>M. layardi</i>)	Mr. J. Holland.
The skeleton of a large Dolphin (<i>Tursio catalania</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Black Rat (<i>Mus</i> sp.)	Hon. H. D. Gordon.
A Water Rat (<i>Hydromys leucogaster</i>)	C. Windeyer, Esq.
A Water Rat (<i>Hydromys leucogaster</i>)	Hon. H. D. Gordon.
A White Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	Mr. Sidney Martin.
Seven specimens of <i>Mus musculus</i>	Mrs. Glover.
One specimen of a <i>Mus</i> sp.	
One Rat (<i>Mus</i> sp.)	
A Spiny Echidna (<i>E. hystrix</i>)	Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S., Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
An Ornithorhynchus (<i>O. anatinus</i>)	
Oil from a Gray's Whale? (<i>Kogia</i> sp.)	Mr. Heaton.

BIRDS.

A Straw-necked Ibis (<i>Geronticus spinicollis</i>)	Mr. S. A. Wilson.
A Heron (<i>Herodias pacifica</i>)	Mr. Budd.
A Fijian Parrot (<i>Platyercus personatus</i>)	Master Robert Pearce.
A young Emu (<i>Dromaius nova-hollandia</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A young Lyre-bird (<i>Menura superba</i>)	Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S., Botanic Gardens, Sydney.
A Pheasant (<i>Euplocomus nyctemerus</i>)	
A Torres Strait Pigeon (<i>Carpophaga spilorrhoea</i>)	
A Sea-eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	
A Fruit Pigeon (<i>Carpophaga</i> sp.)	
A Night Heron (<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>)	
A young Black Swan (<i>Cygnus atratus</i>)	
A White Swan (<i>Cygnus olor</i>)	
A Peacock Pheasant (<i>Polyplectron chinquis</i>)	
A Letter-winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>)	
A Port Phillip Lyre-bird (<i>Menura victoriae</i>)	Mr. K. Broadbent.
A White Gos-hawk (<i>Astur nova-hollandia</i>)	Major P. L. Shepherd.
A Crow (<i>Corvus australis</i>)	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
A Grebe (<i>Podiceps gularis</i>)	Mr. A. Newton.
A White Gos-hawk (<i>Astur nova-hollandia</i>)	Mr. G. E. Shaw.
A Crested Hawk (<i>Baza subcristata</i>)	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
A black-shouldered Kite (<i>Elanus axillaris</i>)	Mr. B. Johnstone.
Two specimens of <i>Chthonicola minima</i>	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
Two Australian Grebes (<i>Podiceps australis</i>)	Mrs. Fathing.
A Bittern (<i>Butoroides flavicollis</i>)	Mr. Hardstaff.
A boobook Owl (<i>Athene boobook</i>)	Mr. J. Blaxland, junr.
A Petrel (<i>Prion ariel</i>)	Mr. W. Baldwin.
A black Cockatoo (<i>Calyptorhynchus funereus</i>)	Mr. H. Newton.
A black-shouldered Kite (<i>Elanus axillaris</i>)	Mr. J. Clarke.
A Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carboides</i>)	Master Tost.
A green-backed Oriole (<i>Oriolus viridis</i>)	E. S. Hill, Esq., J.P., &c.
A small Trichoglossus (<i>T. pusillus</i>)	Mrs. Glover.
Two Spinebills (<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>)	Mr. R. Williams.
A Silver-eye (<i>Zosterops carulecens</i>)	
A Flycatcher (<i>Bhipidura albiscapa</i>)	
A Thrush (<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>)	
A Wattle Honey-Eater (<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>)	Mr. Tost.
A Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax carboides</i>)	

BIRDS—continued.

PRESENTED BY

A Ground Parrot (<i>Psephotus haematorhous</i>)	G. King, Esq.
A Golden Plover (<i>Charadrius longipes</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox.
A Swamp Cuckoo (<i>Centropus ateralbus</i>)	
A Powerful Owl (<i>Hieracoglaux strenuus</i>)	J. Blaxland, junr., Esq.
A Silver Pheasant (<i>Euplocomus nyctemerus</i>)	J. M'George, Esq.
A Golden Pheasant (<i>Chrysolophus picta</i>)	Charles Moore, Esq., Botanic Gardens.
A white-tailed Toucan (<i>Tocucus sp.</i>)	Lieut. Nowel, R.N., H.M.S. "Sandily."
An Emau-wren (<i>Stipiturus malachurus</i>)	Mr. J. W. Rothwell.
A Californian Quail (<i>Callipepla californica</i>)	Mr. Pier.
A Fruit-pigeon (<i>Treron ? sp.</i>)	Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
Two Tanyiptera sylvia	} Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
A Thickhead (<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>)	
A Thickhead (<i>Pachycephala gutturalis</i>)	Inspector Robert Johnstone, Queensland.
Two Bee-eaters (<i>Merops ornatus</i>)	} Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
One Tanyiptera sylvia	
Two Craspedophora magnifica	} Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
A Parrot from New Guinea (<i>Eclectus polychlorus</i>)	
A Eurystomus (<i>E. crassirostris</i>)	} Lieut. Rendell, H.M.S. "Beagle."
A Dendrochelidon mystaceus	
A Cardinal Parrot (<i>Domicella cardinalis</i>)	
A Megapodius sp. from "Savo"	} Mr. J. Ahwell.
A Finch (<i>Estrelia bella</i>)	
A black-backed Gull (<i>Larus pacificus</i>)	} Mr. J. Gannon.
A letter-winged Kite (<i>Elanus scriptus</i>)	

NESTS AND EGGS OF BIRDS.

Nest and two Eggs of the Swallow <i>Dicaeum (Dicaeum hirundinaceum)</i>	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
The Egg of a species of <i>Chionis</i> from Kerguelan's Land	} Mr. Wharton Cox.
Two Eggs of the smaller blue Jay (<i>Graucalus mentalis</i>)	
Two Eggs of the Coach-whip Bird (<i>Psophodes crepitans</i>)	Ralph Hargraves, Esq.
Two Eggs of a species of Kiwi (<i>Apteryx sp.</i>) from New Zealand	Mr. Westgarth.
Four Eggs of a new species of Megapodius, from the Island of "Savo," Solomons Group	} Lieut. Rendell, H.M.S. "Beagle."
The Nest and Egg of a species of Sun-bird (<i>Arachnechthra sp.</i>), from New Georgia	

FISHES.

A rare Fish (<i>Monacanthus convexirostris</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Sea-perch? (<i>Plectropom sp.</i>)	W. H. Stephens, M.A.
Cestracion philippi, Egg of	Mr. J. Pearce.
An Eel (<i>Muraena australis</i>)	Messrs. Kenedy and Newton.
A Horned Box-fish (<i>Ostracion cornutus</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A rare Fish (<i>Monocentris japonicus</i>)	} Mrs. Glover.
Twenty-five small Fish	
A small Electric Ray (<i>Hypnos subnigrum</i>)	} Mr. C. Muller.
The rostrum of a large Saw-fish (<i>Pristis sp.</i>)	
Two specimens of a large Trigger-fish (<i>Monocanthus hippocrepis</i>)	Sir James Martin.
A Toad-fish (<i>Tetodon virgata</i>)	Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
A Fish (<i>Platax teira</i>)	Inspector Seymour.
A rare species of Sole (<i>Synaptura sp.</i>)	J. W. Dargin, Esq.
A rare sp. of Chaetodon	Mr. Thos. Parker.
A Saw-fish (<i>Pristiophorus cirratus</i>)	W. H. Hargraves, Esq.
A sp. of Saurus	} Mr. Wm. Burgess.
A Red-fish (<i>Beryx affinis</i>)	
An Ostracion (<i>O. renardi</i>)	E. Kirchner, Esq.
Portion of the inner skin of a King-fish (<i>Elacate nigra</i>)	Dr. Phiffer.
A new Fish (<i>Naseus Johnstonei</i>) type specimen of ♀	E. P. Ramsay, F.L.S.
A Fish (<i>Cristiceps australis</i>)	J. G. Hay, Esq.
An Albicore (<i>Scomber sp.</i>)	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.
The jaw of a large Shark (<i>Crossorhinus barbatus</i>)	Mr. J. Holland.
A rare species of Sole (<i>Solea sp.</i>)	D. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Rock-fish (<i>Labrichthys sp.</i>)	Mr. J. Smith.
A collection of seventeen species of Port Jackson Fish	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Diodon (<i>Dicotylichthys punctatulus</i>)	} Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
Three species of Monacanthus	
Two Eels (<i>Anguilla sp.</i>)	} Mrs. Glover.
A Cat-fish (<i>Plotosus sp.</i>)	
A Rock-cod (<i>Scorpana sp.</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox, L.L.S.
A rare species of Fish (<i>Triglida</i>)	
A new species of Tetrodon, allied to <i>T. reticularis</i>	E. P. Ramsay, F.L.S.
Four specimens—two species of Rock-fish (<i>Labrichthys sp.</i>)	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
A Dog-fish (<i>Silurus ? sp.</i>)	Mr. Corbitt.
A species of Carp	Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
Two Solea sp. (<i>Pardachirus sp.</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
One Syngnathus sp.	
Two Leather-jackets (<i>Aleuterus sp.</i>)	} Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
One Saurus myops	
A fine specimen of a Sun-fish, new species? (<i>Orthogoriscus sp.</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
Six Yellow-tail (<i>Caranx declivis</i>)	
Six Rock-fish (<i>Julida</i>)	} Mr. J. A. Thorpe.
One Seriola sp.	
Two Red-bream (<i>Pagrus unicolor</i>)	} Inspector Seymour.
Three young of a species of Flying-fish (<i>Exocoetus</i>)	
An Electric Ray (<i>Hypnos subnigrum</i>)	E. K. Cox, Esq., M.L.C.
A Box-fish (<i>Ostracion fornasini</i>)	Mr. J. Seale.
Two Eels (<i>Anguilla sp.</i>)	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.
A Black Rock-cod	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Rock-fish (<i>Labrichthys sp.</i>)	
A Red-bream (<i>Pagrus unicolor</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Black-bream (<i>Chrysophrys sp.</i>)	
A Leather-jacket (<i>Monacanthus hippocrepis</i>)	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Flounder (<i>Pseudorhombus russelli</i>)	
An Aulopus purpurisatus	

REPTILES.

BATRACHIANS.

A Frog (*Litoria aurea*)..... Mrs. Glover.

SNAKES AND LIZARDS.

Four Snakes (<i>Diemenia sp.</i>).....	H. Bradley, Esq.
A Diamond Snake (<i>Morelia spilotes</i>).....	Mr. J. Kuhn.
An Amphibena (<i>Typhlops ruppelli</i>).....	M. J. Ritchie.
A Diamond Snake (<i>Morelia spilotes</i>).....	Mr. M. Norrie.
One Hoplocephalus variegatus.....	} H. Bradley, Esq.
One " sp.	
A Whip Snake (<i>D. reticulata</i>).....	Mrs. Glover.
A Turtle-headed Sea-snake (<i>Emydocephalus tuberculatus</i>).....	Lieut. Nowell, H.M.S. "Sandfly."
An Amphibena (<i>Typhlops sp.</i>).....	J. J. Calvert, Esq.
A Carpet Snake (<i>Morelia variegata</i>).....	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Snake from India (<i>Trimeresurus ? sp.</i>).....	Mr. M'Cann.
A Black Snake (<i>Pseudechis porphyriacus</i>).....	Mr. Williams.
A Brown Snake, young (<i>Hoplocephalus curtus</i>).....	D. Vernon, Esq.
A Blind Snake (<i>Typhlops ruppelli</i>).....	Messrs. Fagan Bros.
A Ringed Snake (<i>Vermicella annulosa</i>).....	Mr. G. Halloran.
A Black-bellied Snake (<i>Hoplocephalus signatus</i>).....	F. Heill, Esq.
A Black-headed Snake (<i>Aspidotes melanocephalus</i>).....	Mr. E. R. Row.
A Black Snake (<i>Pseudechis porphyriacus</i>).....	Mr. Alfred Parsons.
A Ringed Sea-snake (<i>Platurus scutatus</i>).....	Mr. E. Kirchner.
Two Carpet Snakes (<i>Morelia variegata</i>).....	Mr. Henderson.
A Blind Snake (<i>Typhlops ruppelli</i>).....	Mr. J. Kline.
A Ringed Snake (<i>Vermicella annulosa</i>).....	Mr. J. Flaherty.
A Whip Snake (<i>Diemenia reticulata</i>).....	Mr. Warren.
Two Pythons (<i>Erygrrus briboni ?</i>).....	Mr. E. Kirchner.
Three specimens of a species of Typhlops, from Fiji.....	Mr. J. Johnstone.
A new species of Hoplocephalus.....	J. Penzer.
A Snake (<i>Typhlops ruppelli</i>).....	His Honor Judge Josephson.
A Green Tree-snake (<i>Dendrophis punctatula</i>).....	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.
A Lizard (<i>Phyllurus platurus</i>).....	Hon. J. Buchanan, M.L.A.
A Lizard (<i>Hinula sp.</i>).....	Mrs. Glover.
A White's Lizard (<i>Hinula whitei</i>) with two tails.....	Mr. J. Greer.
A Slow-worm or Grass Lizard (<i>Pygopus sp.</i>).....	J. L. King, Esq.
A Lace Lizard (<i>Hydrosaurus sp.</i>).....	Lieut. Nowell, H.M.S. "Sandfly."
A skin of a large Lizard (<i>Hydrosaurus varius</i>).....	Mr. O. Thornber.
A Lace Lizard, from Solomon Islands (<i>Monitor ? sp.</i>).....	Dr. A. M'Kinlay, H.M.S. "Nympe."
A Grass Lizard (<i>Pygopus lepidopodus</i>).....	Mr. Burgess.
A Gecko (<i>Phyllurus platurus</i>).....	G. Thornton, Esq.
A Lizard (<i>Hinula whitei</i>).....	Mr. Alfred Parsons.
An Australian Crocodile (<i>Crocodylus biporcatus</i>).....	Mr. Dalhenty.
Two Lizards from the New Hebrides (<i>Hinula sp.</i>).....	Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
An Australian Crocodile (<i>Crocodylus biporcatus</i>).....	Thos. Cook, Esq.
A Lizard (<i>Tropidolepisia sp.</i>).....	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A Gecko from Fiji (<i>Phyllurus sp.</i>).....	} Mr. Charles Pearce.
A Rock Lizard (<i>Trachydosaurus sp.</i>).....	

SHELLS OF MOLLUSCOUS ANIMALS.

Type specimens of the following new shells:—

2 Pupina angasi.....	} Mr. John Brazier.	
1 " macleayi.....		
1 Liotia angasi.....		
3 Bithinia hyalina.....		
4 Helicina sophia.....	} Mr. Henderson, Richmond River.	
6 species—300 specimens of Australian Land Shells.....		
A small collection of Shells from the sea-shore near Hobart Town.....		
The Nidus of a Molluscous animal.....		
2 Cyprea sp. (four specimens).....		
12 Trigonias (<i>T. lamarcki</i>).....		
1 Magas cumingi.....		} Mr. G. Worrington.
2 Scala philippinarum.....		
2 Natica filosa.....		
1 Cyprea umbilicatus.....		
2 " bicolor.....		
2 " flaveola.....		
1 " caput-anguis.....		
8 Clathurella reticosa.....		
1 " " var.		
2 Conus rutellus.....	} Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.	
2 Struthiolaria scutulata alba.....		
1 Vola vols.....		
2 Chione australis.....		
2 Amphiparus brevis.....		
2 " bula.....		
2 Olivella leucozona.....		
4 Scala philippinarum.....		
4 Daphnella Lymanæformis.....		
2 Drillia oweni.....		
2 specimens of the rare Cyprea subviridis.....	} Mr. J. Hobson.	
1 Cyprea sp. nov. from Torres Straits.....		
3 voluta zebra.....		
A hammer-headed oyster (<i>Malleus albus</i>).....	Mrs. Glover.	
A small collection of shells from Port Stephens.....	Mrs. J. Walker.	
2 Calliste rotularis.....	} Mrs. Glover.	
2 " rutila.....		
2 " fumata.....		
4 Pectunculus grayi.....		
1 " with Myochama anomoides.....		
2 Trigonella contraria.....	W. H. Hargraves, Esq.	

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2	<i>Desinia sculpta</i>	} W. H. Hargraves, Esq.
2	<i>Mactra</i> sp.	
2	<i>Chione</i> sp.	
2	<i>Cassis pyrnum</i>	
2	<i>Volluta marmorata</i>	
1	" <i>magnifica</i>	
2	<i>Unio crassidens</i>	
3	" <i>obliquus</i>	
2	" <i>cornutus</i>	
1	" <i>ligamentarius</i>	
4	" <i>luteolus</i>	
2	" <i>laevissimus</i>	
2	" <i>ebeneus</i>	
2	" <i>anadontoides</i>	
3	" <i>trigonus</i>	
3	" <i>compressus</i>	
2	" <i>confertus</i>	
3	" <i>elipsis</i>	
3	" <i>zig-zag</i> , var. <i>donaciformis</i>	
3	" <i>metanever</i>	
1	" <i>elegans</i>	
3	" <i>asperimus</i>	
4	" <i>securis</i>	
4	" <i>nodulatus</i>	
1	<i>Anodon decora</i>	
5	" <i>incertus</i>	
1	" <i>dumlopiana</i>	
3	" <i>californicus</i>	
1	" <i>origonensis</i>	
17	(<i>Maryaritina</i>) <i>complanata</i>	
3	<i>Machera paluta</i>	
5	<i>Macoma nasuta</i>	
4	<i>Mya hemphilei</i>	
100	<i>Mytilus glomeratus</i>	
6	" <i>edulis</i>	
3	<i>Placunanomia cepio</i>	
1	<i>Ostrea visgina</i>	
1	" sp. ?	
1	" " ?	
4	<i>Cardium corbis</i>	
	Two species of small <i>Cyclas</i> (<i>many</i>)	
4	<i>Pholas pacifica</i> (<i>in spirits</i>)	
10	" " "	
	A collection of 9 species of <i>Physa</i>	
10	<i>Lymnaea</i> sp. ?	
	<i>Tioplax subcarinata</i>	
2	<i>Anculotus prerosus</i>	
	Five species of <i>Planorbis</i> (<i>many specimens</i>)	
17	<i>Purpurea crispata</i>	
3	" " var. fr. Oregon	
50	" <i>scapicola</i>	
3	<i>Natica lemissii</i>	
40	<i>Cerithium taeniatum</i>	
8	" sp. ? from Oregon	
30	<i>Litorina scutularia</i>	
12	" sp. ?	
8	" sp. ?	
7	<i>Chlorstoma funebrata</i>	
30	<i>Nassa tigula</i>	
80	<i>Nerita</i> sp.	
30	<i>Aemæa</i> sp.	
6	<i>Oliva nolandi</i>	
4	" <i>peruviana</i>	
30	<i>Garyta</i> sp. ?	
4	" sp. ?	
	A collection of twenty-four species of Land Shells, including—	
	<i>Helix thyroides</i>	
	" (<i>Hyalina</i>) <i>ligera</i>	
	" <i>solitaria</i>	
	" <i>cooperi</i>	
	" <i>tridentata</i>	
	" <i>alternata</i>	
	" <i>arrosa</i>	
	" <i>alleobris</i>	
	" <i>reticulata</i>	
	" <i>elevata</i>	
	" <i>multilineata</i>	
	" <i>townsendiana</i>	
	" <i>traskii</i>	
	" <i>striatella</i>	
	" <i>arborea</i> , and <i>others</i> .	
	in all 100 species.	
	A collection of 39 species, 55 specimens of Sea Shells from Torres Straits	} Lieutenant Rendell, H.M.S. "Beagle."
	A collection of 9 species, 32 specimens from the Solomon Islands, &c.	
	Two <i>pinna</i> sp. from New Georgia	
15	<i>Ammonia laevis</i>	} Mr. Johnston and Mr. Parkill.
8	<i>Helix incei</i>	
2	<i>Helix lessoni</i>	
6	<i>Cypræa moneta</i>	
2	<i>Turritella</i> sp.	
2	<i>Imbricaria conica</i>	
10	<i>Ancillaria</i> ? sp.	
20	<i>Oliva carneola</i>	

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3 Shells (<i>Natica</i> sp.)	M. P. L. Mitchell.
1 Planorbis sp.	} Mr. J. Richardson.
5 Melania sp.	
9 Cyclas sp.	
1 Unio sp.	
5 Helix sp.	
5 " sp.	
5 " sp.	
2 " ? sp.	
5 Cyclostoma sp.	
10 Cypraea of sp.	
2 Murex	} Mr. J. Hobson.
2 Tellina	
2 Nerita	
2 Helix bipartita	
2 " incei	
2 Mitra episcopalis	
2 Strombus	
2 Conus	
2 Oliva	
2 Malea pomum	
A Sea Slug (<i>Aplysia</i> sp.)	Mr. Chas. Forest.
An Octopus	S. S. Corraze & Spica.
A Loligo	} Mrs. Glover.
4 specimens of Octopus sp.	
CIRRIPIEDIA.	
A cluster of Barnacles (<i>Lepas anatifera</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
" " "	Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
" " "	Mr. Martin.
COLEOPTERA.	
4 Beetles (<i>Hylotrupes</i>)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
A King Beetle (<i>Lamprina rutilans</i>)	Mr. J. Nobbs.
3 Beetles (<i>Hylotrupes</i>)	Mr. Wm. Johnston.
4 Buprestis sp.	} Lieut. Rendell, H.M.S. "Beagle."
4 Schizorhina sp.	
HEMIPTERA, ORTHOPTERA, NEUROPTERA.	
1 Locusta sp. from the New Hebrides	} Dr. A. Corrie.
10 Scutellera sp. "	
A Phasma (<i>Extatostoma tiaratum</i>)	— Christian, Esq.
Two Phasma sp. (<i>Extatostoma tiaratum</i>)	Mr. Douglas Oakes.
A Dragon-fly (<i>Libellula</i> sp.)	Mr. A. Spencer.
LEPIDOPTERA.	
A Moth (<i>Sphinx luctuosa</i>)	Mr. A. Spencer.
37 specimens, 11 species Lepidoptera from Newcastle	Mr. Gross.
CRUSTACEA.	
A Cray-fish (<i>Pandalus</i> ? sp.)	Inspector Seymour.
35 specimens of small Crabs, &c. (<i>Pagurus</i> , <i>Thalamites</i> , &c.)	Mrs. Glover.
A Hermit-crab	} Mr. G. Worrington.
A small decapod Crustacean	
ARACHNIDÆ.	
A Spider (<i>Mygale</i> sp.)	A. J. Daintree, Esq.
A Spider (<i>Epicera</i> sp.)	Mr. Warren.
A Spider's Nest and Eggs, found at sea	Mr. G. Packer.
ECHINODERMATA.	
Crinoidea.	
A Cromatula	Mr. G. Worrington.
" "	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
Asteroidea.	
A Star-fish (<i>Asterias</i> sp.)	Mrs. Glover.
Three specimens of a sp. Star-fish (<i>Asterias</i> sp.)	Mr. G. Worrington.
Echinoidea.	
A Spatangus	Mr. G. Worrington.
Errantia.	
Two Sea Centipedes (<i>Chatopterus</i> sp.)	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
Holothuroidea.	
A Holothuria sp. from S.S. Isles	E. S. Hill, Esq., C.M.Z.S.
Polypi, Zoophites, &c.	
A Penatula (<i>Sarcoptilus grandis</i>)	D. Lord, Esq.
Two Penatulae (<i>Sarcoptilus grandis</i>)	} Mr. G. Worrington.
A collection of 20 varieties of Sponges	
Three species of Zoophites (<i>Polyzoa</i>)	
FOSSIL REMAINS.	
Molar tooth of a Diprotodon	} J. Ryrie, Esq., Burwood.
Lower incisors of a species of <i>Macropus</i>	
Valves of two fossil seeds (<i>Pentane</i> sp.)	Mr. W. Bennett.
GEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS.	
Minerals, Rocks, &c., and Fossils.	
Obsidian, from New Britain	} Mr. F. Schmidt.
Ball of Clay and Ironstone from New Guinea	
Samples of Copper from the Walleroo Mines, South Australia	} Dr. A. Corrie, H.M.S. "Pearl."
Samples of Lead	
Large specimens of Clay, with Dendritic markings, from Whru, county Rodney	D. D. Reid, Esq.
Tin, from the Palmer River	Mr. J. Grummo.
Coal from seam at Bundaberg	Mr. R. Lamond.

GEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS—continued.
Minerals, Rocks, &c., and Fossils—continued.

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Specimens of Lode Tin, from Snowy River	} C. O. Orchard, Esq.
Copper Carbonate from Bomballa	
Green Carbonate Copper	Mr. Solomon Uren.
15 fossil Shells from Shoalhaven	Mr. J. Smith.
2 specimens of Coal plants	Mr. J. Holland, sen.
50 specimens fossil Corals, &c., from limestone rocks near Yass	The Rev. W. H. Yarrington, Yass.
A large Ammonite, and slab containing Bellemnites and Shark's Teeth, &c., from Yamba, near Rockhampton	} R. N. Bell, Esq., Queensland.
Three specimens Shells (<i>Spirifer sp.</i>)	
Tin from Warwick	Hon. John Fairfax.
Antimony, Coppers, Agate, Obsidian, Mica-schist	} Mr. O. Thornber.
Copper Ore, and Lead with Iron Pyrites, from Merimbla	
Specimens of Tin ore	Mr. ———
Specimens of Lead, Tin, Copper Ores, and Agate, &c.	Mr. Peppercorn.
	Mr. Wm. Jaeger.

BOTANICAL SPECIMENS.

"Native bread" a fungus (<i>Mytilia australis</i>), ploughed up at Kangaloon.....	Messrs. Hawken & Vance.
Two "Vegetable Caterpillars" a species of fungus (<i>Cordiceps robertsii</i>)	Julian E. Salomons, Esq.

BOOKS AND PAPERS, &c.

Flora Sylvatica. Pt. xxvi	The Hon. Colonial Secretary.
A Portrait of Lord Nelson at ten years of age	W. G. Murray, Esq.
A paper on the genus Fenestella (by J. E. T. Woods, F.L.S., &c., &c.)	} Rev. Mort Hobart.
A paper on the Fresh-water Shells of Tasmania, by the same author	
Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania, 1874	
Fitzgerald's Australian Orchids	The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

ETHNOGRAPHICAL SPECIMENS, COINS, &c.

Figure of an Aboriginal's hand on sandstone, from Cave near Mudgee.....	Dr. J. C. Cox, F.L.S.
An oval Chinese copper Coin	Mr. E. Jones.
A brick from the Great Wall of China	Mr. George Roberts.
A Boomerang	Mr. Charles Muller.
A collection of samples of Cloths made by various Tribes in the South Sea Islands, collected in 1770 by Captain Cook	T. Augustus Forbes Leith, Esq.
A Cartridge from the battle field of Sevastopol	Captain H. Fox.
A Necklace of human teeth from the Solomon Islands	Mr. H. Heil.
A Torch of Candle-nuts (<i>Aluterus triloba</i>)	Lieut. Rendell, H.M.S. "Beagle"
A stone Hatchet from Wilton	Mr. J. Henry.
A Harpoon, and portion of the terebo-bored planking of the ship "Niantic" excavated in the city of San Francisco	Mr. J. Crawford.
Bronze Medal struck in honor of Lord Nelson's victories	W. G. Murray, Esq.
A Ten-dollar Note issued during the late American War	Mr. John Pull.

E. PIERSON RAMSAY,
Curator.

APPENDIX No. 6.

Exchange No. 1, May 1875.

Sent to Europe for the Royal Museum, Brussels, through Messrs. Montefiore, Joseph, & Co., Sydney.

Mark.	No. of specimens.	Mark.	No. of specimens.
No. 2. <i>Astur novae hollandiae</i> ♂	1	No. 32. <i>Ptilotis lewinii</i> ♂	1
3. " <i>approximans</i> ♀	1	33. " <i>plumulus</i> ♀	1
4. <i>Elanus axillaris</i> ♀	2	34. <i>Anthochaera (Anellobia) lunulata</i> ♂	1
5. <i>Hirundo frontalis</i> ♂	1	36. <i>Philemon citreogularis</i> ♂	1
6. <i>Lagenoplastes ariel</i> ♂ ♀	2	37. <i>Dicaeum hirundinaceum</i> ♂	1
7. <i>Merops ornatus</i> ♂	1	38. <i>Zosterops caeruleus</i> ♂	1
8. <i>Eurystomus pacificus</i> ♂ ♀	2	39. <i>Sittella leucoptera</i> ♂	1
9. <i>Dacelo leachii</i> ♂	1	40. <i>Cuculus pallidus</i> ♂	1
10. <i>Halcyon pyrrhopygius</i> ♂	1	41. " <i>flabelliformis</i> ♂	1
11. <i>Pardalotus melanocephalus</i> ♂	1	42. <i>Lamprococeyx basilis</i> ♂	1
12. <i>Strepera anaphonensis</i> ♀	1	43. " <i>plagosus</i> ♂	1
13. <i>Pachycephala gutturalis</i> ♂ ♀	2	44. <i>Endynamis flindersii</i> ♂	1
14. <i>Gerygone albogularis</i> ♂ ♀	2	45. <i>Centropus phasianus</i> ♂ ♀	2
15. <i>Malurus elegans</i> ♂	1	46. <i>Calyptorhynchus stellatus</i> ♂ ♀	2
16. " <i>callainus</i> ♂	1	47. <i>Platycreus icterotis</i> ♂	1
17. " <i>pulcherimus</i> ♂	1	48. " <i>pileatus</i> ♂	1
18. <i>Chthonicola sagittata</i> ♂ ♀	2	49. <i>Euphema bourkii</i> ♂	1
19. <i>Estrela (Poephila) cineta</i> ♀	1	50. <i>Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus</i> ♀ ♀	2
20. " <i>oculea</i> ♀	1	51. " <i>australis</i> ♂ ♀	2
21. " <i>modesta</i> ♂	1	52. <i>Lopholaimus antarcticus</i> ♂	1
22. <i>Donacola (Estrela) castaneothorax</i> ♀	1	53. <i>Lobivanellus lobatus</i> ♂	1
23. <i>Sericulus melinus</i> ♀	1	54. <i>Parra gallinacea</i> ♀	1
24. <i>Mimeta viridis</i> ♂	2	55. <i>Phalacrocorax varius</i> ♂	1
25. <i>Sphecotheres maxillaris</i> ♀	1	56. <i>Halcyon macleayi</i> ♂	1
26. " <i>flaviventris</i> ♀	1	57. <i>Sericornis magnirostris</i> ♂	1
27. <i>Meliornis longirostris</i> ♂	1	58. " <i>frontalis</i> ♂	1
28. " <i>novae hollandiae</i> ♂ ♀	2	59. " <i>maculatus</i> ♂	1
29. " <i>sericea</i> ♂ ♀	2	60. <i>Epthianura albifrons</i> ♂	1
30. <i>Ptilotis auricornis</i> ♂ ♀	2		
31. " <i>chrysops</i> ♂ ♀	2		
		58 species.	73

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APPENDIX No. 7.

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Copy of letter forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction, in reference to the verdict in the case
Krefft v. Hill.

The Australian Museum,
Sydney, 15 September, 1875.

Sir,

I am requested by the Trustees of the Australian Museum to invite your attention to the correspondence which took place between the Museum and your department in the month of October, 1874, in reference to the defence of the action Krefft *versus* Hill, and to inform you of the result.

I may be permitted to remind you that, on the 20th August, 1874, Mr. Gerard Krefft, the then Curator and Secretary of the Museum, was dismissed by the Board from his office, and that that fact was reported to the Honorable the Minister for Justice and Public Instruction, by a letter from the Acting Secretary, dated on the same day.

Mr. Krefft having refused to quit the Museum buildings, a letter was written by the Acting Secretary to the Under Secretary to your department on the 8th September, 1874, transmitting a resolution of the Trustees to the effect that an immediate application be made to the Minister of Justice to authorize the police to give effect to the decision of the Board by removing Mr. Krefft from the Museum buildings. To that letter a reply was received on the 14th of September, 1874, from the Under Secretary to your department, intimating that the services of the police could not be authorized for the purposes desired by the Trustees, and that the Government did not feel called upon to assume the responsibility of giving effect to a decision to which they had been no party. In consequence of the refusal of the assistance of the police, the Board had no alternative but to employ a bailiff for the purpose of ejecting Mr. Krefft from the premises.

In order to prevent any unnecessary violence, Mr. Edward S. Hill was requested by the Board to be present when Mr. Krefft was removed. On the 24th September, 1874, Mr. Krefft was removed from the premises by the bailiff appointed by the Board, in the presence and with the concurrence of Mr. Edward Hill.

Mr. Krefft therefore brought an action against Mr. Hill personally, and the result of the proceedings in this form was that all inquiry into the conduct of Mr. Krefft, and of the causes which led to his dismissal, were necessarily excluded.

On the 2nd October, 1874, the Honorable the Minister of Justice was requested by letter from the Trustees to direct the Crown Solicitor to defend the action on the part of the Trustees, seeing that any verdict which might be recovered by the plaintiff would have to be satisfied out of the endowment, or in default levy might be made by the Sheriff upon the public property committed to the care of the Trustees. On the 7th October, 1874, the Trustees were informed by letter from the Under Secretary of your department, that he was directed by the Minister for Justice to state that the action appeared to be against Mr. Hill, and not against the Trustees in their corporate capacity, and that neither the endowment nor the public property committed to the care of the Trustees could be rendered available for any verdict which might be recovered in the action. To that letter the Trustees replied on the 28th October, that they inferred that the Minister declined to direct the Crown Solicitor to defend the action, and pointed out that the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction did not appear to be acquainted with the fact that Mr. Hill acted on the occasion in question on behalf and by the instructions of the Trustees in their corporate capacity. To this communication no reply was received, and the Board therefore instructed their own solicitor to defend the action; and the same came on for trial on the 13th, 16th, 17th, and 18th of November, 1874, before Mr. Justice Cheeke and a Jury of four.

Mr. Cheeke ruled that Mr. Krefft was a superior officer under Government, and that therefore, under the 37th clause of the Constitution Act, no one had power to remove him but the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council. Under this ruling the Jury found a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of £250.

A *rule nisi* for a new trial, on the ground, among others, of misdirection, was obtained from the Supreme Court, and the same came on for argument on the 7th, 8th, and 9th September, 1875. His Honor the Chief Justice being, by virtue of his office, a Trustee of the Museum, declined to sit on the hearing of the motion for a new trial, and consequently it was heard before their Honors Mr. Justice Hargrave and Mr. Justice Faucett alone.

Immediately on the close of the argument Mr. Justice Hargrave pronounced his judgment, entirely upholding Mr. Justice Cheeke's ruling, and refusing a new trial; but the judgment of Mr. Justice Faucett was in favour of a new trial being granted. The result of the difference is that the motion for a new trial has failed, and that the verdict will stand.

As the amount of the verdict is under £500, the defendant cannot appeal, except by making a special application to the Privy Council for leave to do so. The plaintiff therefore cannot be restrained from enforcing the verdict which he has obtained, and it is possible that in the course of the present month the Board of Trustees will be called upon to pay £250 for the verdict, and a further sum of about £150 for the taxed costs of the plaintiff.

It is necessary here to state that Mr. Hill, in being present at the expulsion of Mr. Krefft, acted on behalf of the Board generally, and did not in any way exceed his authority. The Board guaranteed him against any verdict which might be obtained against him. The costs of the defendant for the first trial have therefore been paid by the Board, and they will be called upon to pay a further sum, amounting probably to £100, to cover the defendant's costs of moving for a new trial.

The Trustees feel that, under all the circumstances of the case, they have done the utmost that can be expected of them for the defence of the property entrusted to their custody; and as the amount which will be immediately payable in satisfaction of the verdict and costs will be inevitably lost, they feel themselves precluded from taking any steps for prosecuting an appeal to the Queen in Council. As, however, in consequence of the failure of the Trustees to obtain a new trial, Mr. Justice Cheeke's ruling is at present undisturbed, and Mr. Krefft may therefore claim to be still Curator, and may possibly demand payment of his salary till dismissed by the Government, the Board feel bound to report the present position of the institution at the earliest possible moment, in order that the Law Officers of the Crown may advise whether it is necessary for the Government to take any steps in the matter.

It is scarcely necessary for me to point out that the opinions of the Crown Law Officers under the various Governments of the Colony, including Sir James Martin when Attorney General, and now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Hon. William Bede Dalley, presently Attorney General, have been invariably given in favour of the Trustees of the Museum having the sole power of appointing and removing their Curator, notwithstanding the supposed conflict of the 37th section of the Constitution Act with the Museum Act.

I may further state, that the course which the Board adopted in dealing with Mr. Krefft was so adopted in reliance on the opinions before mentioned; and the Trustees considered that they were entitled to rely confidently on those opinions, because although the complete control of the Museum property was vested in them, they were in fact only Trustees for the Colony generally, and in administering the affairs of the institution they were virtually, though not legally, nothing more than unpaid officers of the Government.

The endowment of the Museum is, as you must be well aware, very far from sufficient to enable the Trustees to make it an institution in any way worthy of the Colony; and the results of the late action will be that the funds will be encroached upon to such an extent as to make it almost necessary to close the Museum to the public, unless some further assistance be given to the Trustees. It is therefore hoped that the Government may see their way to give some further assistance, to enable the Museum to tide over its present extraordinary and unforeseen difficulties.

I have, &c.,
A. W. SCOTT,
Chairman.