

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1855.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales.
Question put and passed;—*Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
2. Government Debentures:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount of Debentures issued up to the 14th September, 1855, (the day upon which the Royal Assent was given to the Public Works Loan Bill,) specifying the time when such Debentures will fall due, and the services for which they were issued, and distinguishing the amount raised upon the security of the General and Territorial Revenues respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
3. Crown Land Sales:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return shewing the amount paid from the date of the last Return, to 30th June, 1855, to each of the Commissioners of Crown Lands appointed for the purpose of conducting Crown Land Sales, under the Regulations of 8th March, 1853, as Commission for conducting such sales of land.
(2.) A Return of the quantity of Crown Land sold, and the amount realized in each particular District, between the 1st April, 1854, and 30th June, 1855, under the Regulations of 8th March, 1853.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Mrs. Johanna Toole:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from Mrs. Johanna Toole, representing that by the Defalcations of Mr. Gray, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Major's Creek, she had lost various sums of money left by her in his custody, and praying relief.
Petition received.
5. Mr. C. G. Gray's Defalcations:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1856, the sum of £1,000, for the purpose of indemnifying such parties as have been losers through the defalcations of Mr. C. G. Gray, late Clerk of Petty Sessions and Gold Receiver at Major's Creek.
Debate ensued
Mr. Parker moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn;—
Whereupon Original Question, *as then by leave amended*, That it be referred to a Select Committee, to inquire into and report upon the Claims of such parties as have been losers through the defalcations of Mr. Gray, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Major's Creek; and that such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Bligh, Mr. Samuel, Captain King, The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Park, and Mr. Cowper—put and passed.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
7. Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Nichols having presented this Bill, Bill, intitled, "*A Bill to give relief to persons having Claims against the Government of New South Wales*," read a first time; ordered to be printed.

8. Postponement :—The second reading of the City Commissioners' Powers extenso nBill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday next.
9. Sydney Paving Bill, on motion of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Nichols then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to provide for Paving certain Streets in the City of Sydney.*"
Question put and passed.
10. Adulteration of Spirits Prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Murray, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Muaray then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to prevent the Adulteration of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors.*"
Question put and passed.
- Council adjourned at five minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Contingent NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—*on the Order of the Day for the Committal of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Bill being read*—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House, it would materially conduce to the public advantage if the Port of Newcastle, and also the River Hunter, were so improved that ships of large burthen could enter the Port with safety at all times, and proceed up the River to Morpeth.
(2.) That with a view to the carrying out this object, His Excellency the Governor General be empowered to borrow, upon the security of the General Revenue, any sum or sums of money not exceeding, in the whole, £40,000, at such rate of interest as His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, may agree upon.
(3.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, accompanied with a prayer that he will cause the same to be carried into effect.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move :—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Powers and Duties of the Chief Officers of the Executive Government, with a view to ascertain if any and what alterations will be necessary, on the retirement from office in this Colony of those Officers for whom Pensions have been provided by the Constitution Act of 1853, and to Report thereon to the House.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Nichols, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Darvall.
2. CAPTAIN KING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1855, a sum sufficient to meet the expense of the services of a Pilot and Boat's Crew for the Manning River.
3. MR. MORRIS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Table of this House, all correspondence between Mr. Surveyor McCabe and the Surveyor General, relative to the surveying and settlement of Port Curtis.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence with the Government, which may have taken place in reference to the employment of the Cutter "Oberon" in search of Mr. Benjamin Boyd.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. City, Port, and Hamlets further Police Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. Abolition of Death Punishment for Rape Bill ; second reading.
3. Medical Practitioners' Registration Bill ; second reading.
4. City Commissioners' Powers Extension Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Murray River Customs Bill ; second reading.
2. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Supplementary Estimate and Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1855-6, to be further considered in Committee, with Messages Nos. 3, 17, 18, 25, 51, 59, 60, 64, 67, 68, and 69.

Question.—MR. HOLROYD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER, What steps have been taken by the Senate towards establishing a Faculty of Medicine in the University of Sydney, for the purpose of examining Candidates for Medical Degrees; and if any steps have been taken by the Senate, when the Universty will be prepared to receive Candidates for examination.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Colonial Naval Service Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Increased Fees on Sale of Spirits Bill ; second reading.
3. Marriage Bill Reported 2^o ; Adoption of the Report.

THURSDAY,

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of the Colonial Secretary:—
 “ This Council, after consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor
 “ General, No. 50, of the 22nd August last, resolves,—
 “ (1.) That so soon as the necessary steps for this purpose can be taken, the arrange-
 “ ment by which Mr. Bernard acts as Colonial Agent should terminate:—That so
 “ much of the duty at present performed by him as relates to the payment of Interest
 “ on Debentures and the Salaries or Pensions of Officers or persons residing in
 “ England,—in fact, all purely monetary transactions,—should be managed through
 “ the instrumentality of some Banking House or Houses in London;—and that such
 “ Stores or other articles as it may be necessary to purchase in England should be
 “ procured through the medium of Mercantile Agency.
 “ (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency, embodying the foregoing
 “ Resolution.”
3. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
4. Live Stock Assessment Bill; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,
Speaker.