

Sessional Papers

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 1.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1885.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DIBBS to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on each day.
2. MR. DIBBS to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
3. MR. DIBBS to move, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
4. MR. DIBBS to move, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House,—
 - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion," "or Order of the Day," no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 - (5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
5. MR. DIBBS to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as 'Formal Business,' shall again go through the Business Paper for the day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that day; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed, shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
6. MR. DIBBS to move, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
7. MR. DIBBS to move, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
8. MR. DIBBS to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wisdom, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Poole, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Griffiths, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

9. MR. DIBBS to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
10. MR. DIBBS to move, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. E. Campbell, Mr. Trickett, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Purves, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
11. MR. DIBBS to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
12. MR. DIBBS to move, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That when the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
13. MR. DIBBS to move, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House,—
 (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List so initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
14. MR. BRUNKER to move, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
15. MR. DIBBS to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
16. MR. DIBBS to move, That unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
17. MR. DIBBS to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
18. MR. DIBBS to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
19. MR. DIBBS to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, payment, and maintenance of the Australian Contingent, engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in Egypt, and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent, and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith, in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament.
- MR. TARRANT to move, That George Merriman, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 2.

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WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1885.

QUESTIONS :—

1. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have had, during the late Parliamentary recess, any correspondence—telegraphic or otherwise—with the Queen's Government, or with the Governments of any of the neighbouring Colonies, on the subject of Australian Federation?
 - (2.) If any such correspondence has occurred, will the Colonial Treasurer be good enough to place copies thereof upon the Table of this House?
2. MR. WILLIAM CLARKE *to ask* the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Do the Government intend to take any steps towards celebrating the occasion of the Centenary of the Colony?
 - (2.) If so, will they say what form the celebration will take?
3. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to bring in a Militia Bill, or a Defence Force Bill under the Militia principle?
4. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) The number of children in each of the Orphan Asylums, Parramatta?
 - (2.) The number boarded out for each?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to keep these establishments on or to close them?
5. MR. BRUNKER *to ask* the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether a Trial Survey has been completed for the purpose of considering the advisableness of making a Line of Railway from Narrabri to Walgett?
 - (2.) If such Survey has been made, what is the distance?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to take the necessary steps for asking Parliamentary sanction to the construction of a Railway from Narrabri to Walgett at an early date?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Governor's Opening Speech; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Badgery, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

*"To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS,
"Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's
"Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
"Wales and its Dependencies.*

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"We desire to express our hearty approval of the conduct of the Ministers in despatching the Australian Contingent to aid the Imperial Forces in Egypt; and we regard their action as manifesting the loyalty of the Australian people to the Crown, and as drawing more closely together the various portions of our great Empire."

Upon which Mr. Henry Clarke had moved, That the Address be amended by the omission of the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in its place of the following paragraph :—

"We however feel bound to state that the occasion did not warrant the despatch of Troops from the Colony without the authority of Parliament."

2. Australian Military Contingent Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, payment, and maintenance of the Australian Contingent, engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in Egypt, and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent, and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith, in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament.
3. Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
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GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. MELVILLE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications received during the months of October, November, and December, 1884, for the appointment of Police Magistrate for the Borough of Parramatta.
2. **MR. ABIGAIL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The weight of Wool from Bynga Station consigned from Whitton Station to Sydney for the seasons ending 1883 and 1884 respectively.
 - (2.) The weight of Wool from Buckingham Station consigned from Nyngan to Sydney for the years 1883 and 1884.
 - (3.) To whom consigned, and the amount paid to the Government for the carriage in each case.
3. **MR. ABIGAIL** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The names of all Students from the Training School at Fort-street who were examined for classification in December, 1884, arranged in the order of merit, and the classification gained by each Student.
 - (2.) The number of marks gained by each Student for each examination paper.
 - (3.) Copies of the examination papers given at that examination.
 - (4.) Copies of all reports, minutes, &c., of the Inspector and Training-master concerning each Student.
4. **MR. SUTTOR** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, reports, and other papers, having reference to the question as to whether the Head Office of the Local Board should be at Bathurst or Orange.
5. **MR. BRUNKER** to move, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
6. **MR. TARRANT** to move, That George Merriman, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
7. **MR. YOUNG** to move, That leave of absence during the present Session be granted to Charles James Roberts, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electorate of the Hastings and Manning.

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH.

QUESTIONS:—

1. **SIR JOHN ROBERTSON** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House a Schedule showing all Crown Lands sold during the late Parliamentary recess under the provisions respectively of the Act of 1884; and if he will be good enough to distinguish therein the number of acres of land sold, and the amount of money received under the various modes of sale provided by the Act, including any land that may have been commenced to be contracted to be sold under the provisions for so-called conditional lease?
2. **SIR JOHN ROBERTSON** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House a Schedule showing all Crown Lands let during the late Parliamentary recess under the provisions respectively of the Act of 1884, and if he will be good enough to distinguish therein the number of acres let and the amount of money received under the various modes of letting provided by the Act, excluding any land that may have been commenced to be contracted to be sold under the provisions for so-called conditional lease?
3. **MR. DANGAR** to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the contractor for Walgett Gaol failed, and his sureties allowed to complete it?
 - (2.) When was the contract time for completion?
 - (3.) Is it true £4,000 has been spent on these buildings, none of the internal fittings provided, and nothing done towards its completion for the last six months?
 - (4.) Is the Minister aware prisoners have in consequence to be sent to Narrabri and brought back to Walgett for trial at heavy expense?
 - (5.) What steps will be taken in the matter, and when is the Gaol likely to be completed?
4. **MR. DANGAR** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has the Railway Trial Survey from Narrabri to Walgett on the south side of the Namoi River been completed?
 - (2.) If so, will there be any objection to state or place upon the Table of this House the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief, or other Railway Officer's Report thereon, with exact distance *via* Woe-Waa and otherwise, character of country, timber facilities, nature of cuttings, embankments, or piling, bridges required, probable cost per mile, and time necessary to construct, if so ordered?
5. **MR. GARRARD** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What was the average daily number of passengers carried upon each section of the Leichhardt Tram-line during the following periods, namely, three months previous to the extension of that line from Johnston-street to Short-street; the three months subsequent to such extension; three months previous to the last general alteration and increase of Tram fares; three months subsequent to such increase; and three weeks ending 1st March last?
 - (2.) What is the estimated average daily expenditure, including all charges, during each of the above periods?
 - (3.) Will the Department reconsider the matter of the Leichhardt Tram fares; if so, in what direction, and when?
6. **MR. W. J. FERGUSSON** to ask the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Real Property Act early next Session?

7. MR. W. J. FERGUSSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES,—
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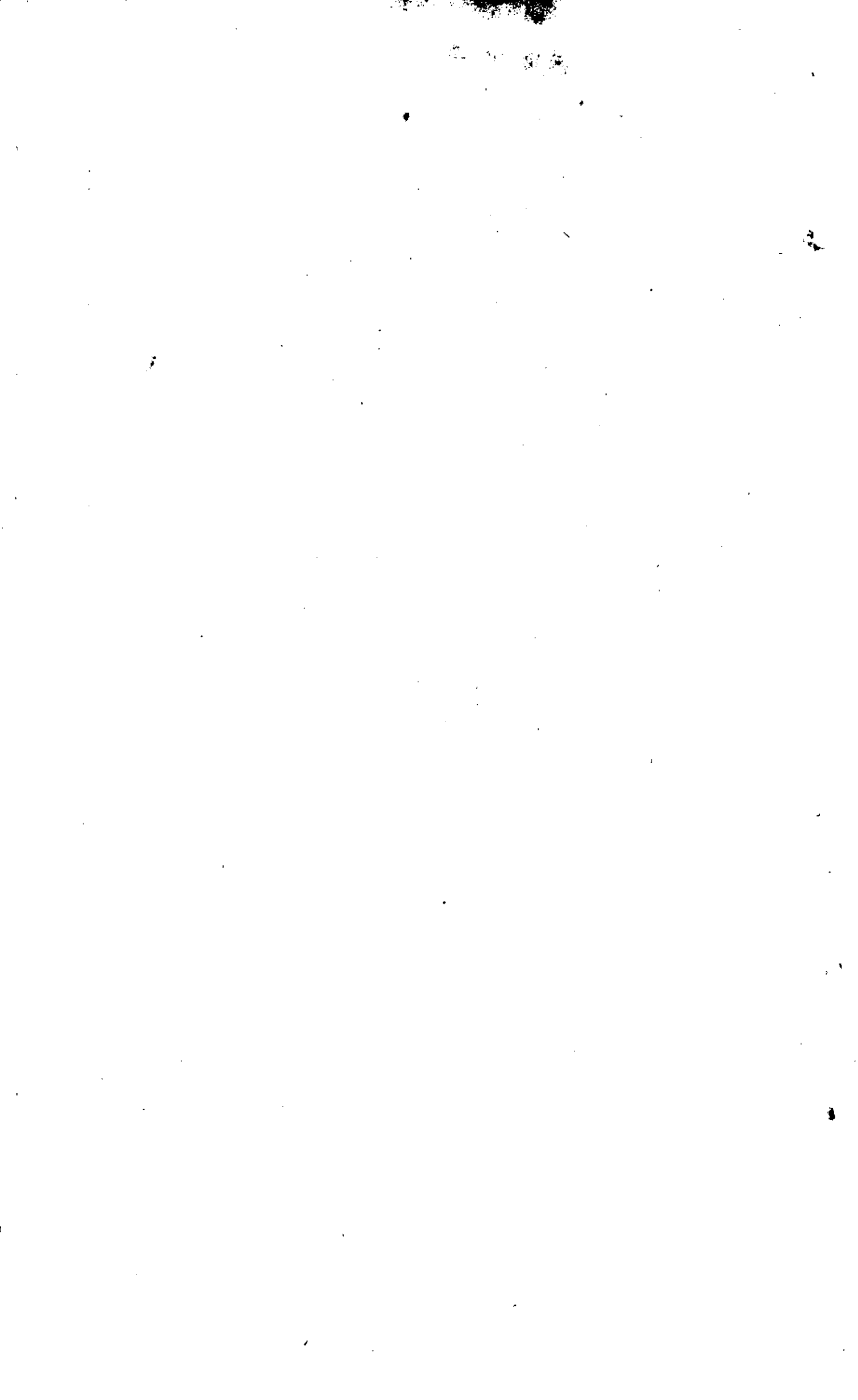
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1. MR. R. B. SMITH *to move*,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
 (2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.
 (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor



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9. MR. LYNE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES,—Is it intended to give the Local Boards of Sheep Directors for the various districts throughout the Colony power to supervise the Inspectors under the Rabbit Act?
10. MR. GOULD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) If it is the intention of the Government to remove from the eastern end of the General Post Office the Carvings which have called forth so much unfavourable comment; and if so, when?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend at an early date to open the street in front of the Post Office, so that the public may benefit by the new thoroughfare?

11. MR. WITHERS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Blue-stone now stacked on the reserve at the rear of the Barracks be removed?
12. MR. WITHERS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Will he give immediate instructions to connect all the surface sewage into the Government Bourke-street sewer?
13. MR. WITHERS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a number of citizens volunteered their services to the Government to establish a new Battery of Naval Volunteer Artillery?
 (2.) Do the Government intend accepting the offer?
14. MR. WITHERS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to duplicate the Tram-line in Crown-street before it is paved with wood?
15. DR. ROSS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the land applied for as a site for a Hospital at Molong be dedicated and set apart for public purposes?
16. DR. ROSS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the land applied for at Molong as a Presbyterian Church Site be dedicated and granted for public purposes?
17. DR. ROSS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to authorize the construction of the Railway Line and Station at Molong on the low flat lands and flooded banks of the Molong Creek?
 (2.) What is the cause of delay in proceeding with the work and the erection of the necessary buildings?
 (3.) Is it true that the contractor has had to suspend the work and dismiss his men at the Molong end of the Line, owing to the delay in fixing the site for the Station?
 (4.) Have any instructions been lately forwarded to the contractor to proceed with the work?
18. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) The total effective strength and distribution of the Defence, Naval, and Military Forces on 31st January, 1885?
 (2.) The total effective strength and distribution of the Defence, Naval and Military Forces embarked for service beyond the Colony?
 (3.) The total transfers from the effective strength of the Defence, Naval, and Military Forces to that of the New South Wales Infantry embarked for service beyond the Colony?
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 - (1.) Is it intended to have surveyed and proclaimed the Gap Road from Narrabri to Bingera?
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 - (3.) Will this Road be scheduled, and an annual grant provided for its maintenance?
3. MR. DANGAR *to ask* the MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) When will tenders be invited for new Court House Buildings at Narrabri, the money for which has been voted by Parliament?
 - (2.) In preparation of plans for such, will care be taken that sufficient accommodation is provided therein for future wants, and with a view to the establishment of Circuit Courts, if found necessary?

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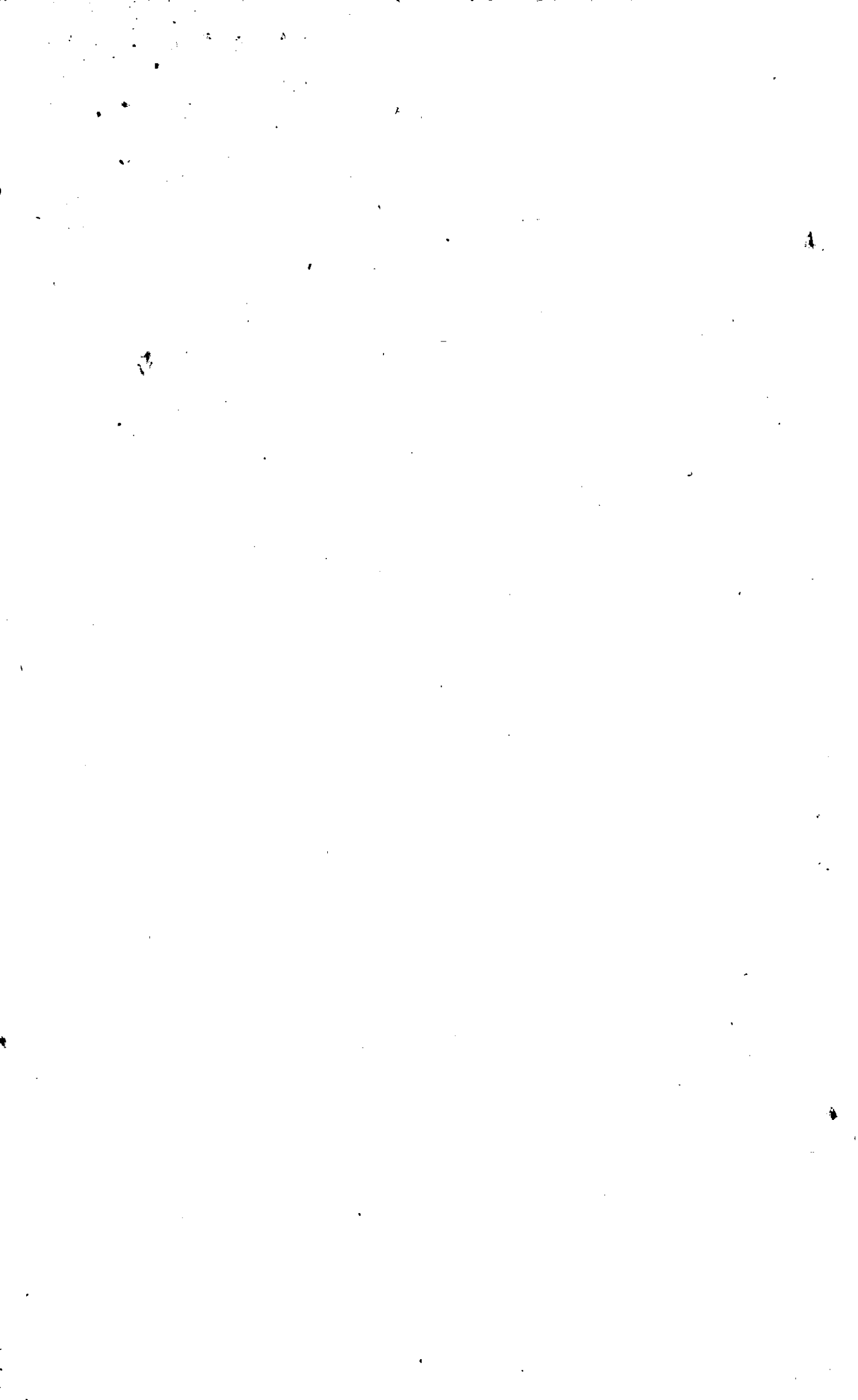
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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
 - (2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.



NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 4.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1885.

QUESTIONS :—

1. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Northern Coast Railway Surveys yet been completed ; if so, what route has been determined upon ; if not, will the Government entertain a cheaper or better route proposed by old residents of that district ?
2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR MINES,—
 - (1.) Is it intended to have surveyed and proclaimed the Gap Road from Narrabri to Bingera ?
 - (2.) What amount of money has been expended on this Road, and where ?
 - (3.) Will this Road be scheduled, and an annual grant provided for its maintenance ?
3. MR. DANGAR *to ask* the MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) When will tenders be invited for new Court House Buildings at Narrabri, the money for which has been voted by Parliament ?
 - (2.) In preparation of plans for such, will care be taken that sufficient accommodation is provided therein for future wants, and with a view to the establishment of Circuit Courts, if found necessary ?
4. MR. WITHERS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that a number of citizens volunteered their services to the Government to establish a new Battery of Naval Volunteer Artillery ?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend accepting the offer ?
5. MR. BURDEKIN *to ask* the COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have the instructions given (as reported by the answer to Mr. Burdekin's question on the subject on the 28th August, 1884) for the construction of an open channel on the inner side of the Domain wall to carry off the flood water to Cowper Wharf been countermanded ; if not, when will this necessary work be done ?
 - (2.) What Officer of the Government is answerable for the delay ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DIMBS *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of " A Bill to provide for the government, discipline, payment, and maintenance of the Australian Contingent engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in Egypt, and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent, and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. The Governor's Opening Speech ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Badgery, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

*To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS,
" Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's
" Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South
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" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

" We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

" We desire to express our hearty approval of the conduct of the Ministers in despatching the Australian Contingent to aid the Imperial Forces in Egypt ; and we regard their action as manifesting the loyalty of the Australian people to the Crown, and as drawing more closely together the various portions of our great Empire."

Upon which Mr. Henry Clarke had moved, That the Address be amended by the omission of the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in its place of the following paragraph :—

" We however feel bound to state that the occasion did not warrant the despatch of Troops from the Colony without the authority of Parliament."

2. Australian Military Contingent Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, payment, and maintenance of the Australian Contingent, engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in Egypt, and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent, and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith, in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament.
3. Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
4. Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of adopting an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that any Law enabling the Federation of the Australian Colonies which would have the effect of excluding other of Her Majesty's possessions, and especially of Great Britain and Ireland, may not have Her Majesty's sanction; and that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to forward such Address to Her Majesty by telegram without delay.
2. MR. PURVES to move, That leave of absence during the present Session be granted to Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G., one of the Members for the Electorate of East Macquarie.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH.

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. DANGAR to ask THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that the contractor for Walgett Gaol failed, and his sureties allowed to complete it?
 - (2.) When was the contract time for completion?
 - (3.) Is it true £4,000 has been spent on these buildings, none of the internal fittings provided, and nothing done towards its completion for the last six months?
 - (4.) Is the Minister aware prisoners have in consequence to be sent to Narrabri and brought back to Walgett for trial at heavy expense?
 - (5.) What steps will be taken in the matter, and when is the Gaol likely to be completed?
2. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the grants for the improvement of Reserves and Cemeteries be made available for expenditure?
3. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the improvements proposed to be made at the Railway Stations at Greta and Allandale will be carried into effect?

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should no longer delay the notification of a Land Office day, so that under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 the people may not be further debarred from exercising their right to apply for Conditional Purchases.
2. MR. BAKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Surveyor's reports, and reports of other Public Officers, and of all petitions, documents, declarations, and other papers, in reference to a request made by the people of Carcoar for a Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar.
3. MR. PURVES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Thomas Horton," brought up on the 4th July, 1884, be now adopted.
4. MR. COPELAND to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of this Colony should withdraw from the New Guinea Annexation Scheme, subject to an honourable payment of our share of the liabilities already incurred.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. B. SMITH to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
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NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 5.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1885.

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—
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3. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the improvements proposed to be made at the Railway Station at Greta and Allandale will be carried into effect?
4. MR. SUTTOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Did he say, in reply to a question on 28th August, 1884, that the works for the supply of water to the City of Bathurst would be finished in about eight months from that date, and is he still of opinion that the works will be completed at the time mentioned; if not, when will the works be finished, and is there any cause of delay?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken towards laying the reticulation pipes in the City?
5. MR. STEPHEN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Will he say what is the cause of the delay in making the Subway at Stanmore Station, and will he please state when tenders will be called for the work?
 - (2.) Will he also state when the Station and Platforms promised to be erected at Stanmore will be proceeded with?
 - (3.) Will he say what is the cause of the delay in providing Station accommodation at Summer Hill, and has a tender for such work been accepted?
 - (4.) When will further Station accommodation be provided at Petersham, and will he say what is the cause of the delay in providing it?
6. MR. TARGETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Resolution of this House authorizing registration of Patents at a lower scale is likely to come into force?
7. MR. HAMMOND *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of a Subway under the Railway at Alt-street, Ashfield, as previously promised?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. The Governor's Opening Speech; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Badgery, That the following Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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" the Australian Contingent to aid the Imperial Forces in Egypt; and we regard their action as
" manifesting the loyalty of the Australian people to the Crown, and as drawing more closely
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3. Supply ; House to resolve itself into Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; House to resolve itself into Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BAKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should no longer delay the notification of a Land Office day, so that under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 the people may not be further debarred from exercising their right to apply for Conditional Purchases.
2. MR. BAKER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Surveyor's reports, and reports of other Public Officers, and of all petitions, documents, declarations, and other papers, in reference to a request made by the people of Carcoar for a Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar.
3. MR. PURVES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Thomas Horton," brought up on the 4th July, 1884, be now adopted.
4. MR. COPELAND to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of this Colony should withdraw from the New Guinea Annexation Scheme, subject to an honourable payment of our share of the liabilities already incurred.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
5. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON to move, That leave of absence during the present Session be granted to Thomas Garrett, Esquire, one of the Members for Camden.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Federation of the Australian Colonies ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That an Address be communicated to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that any Law enabling the Federation of the Australian Colonies which would have the effect of excluding other of Her Majesty's possessions, and especially of Great Britain and Ireland, may not have Her Majesty's sanction.
 - (2.) That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to forward such Address to Her Majesty by telegram without delay.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLTERMANN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Whaling Road, North Shore," brought up on 1st November, 1884, be now adopted.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH.

QUESTION :—

1. MR. HOLTERMANN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will he call for tenders to construct the Branch Railway Line from Pearce's Corner to the water's edge at North Shore?

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. R. B. SMITH to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
 - (2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 6.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1885.

MEMO.:—*The House meet at Half-past Three o'clock This Day, and proceed to Government House—there, at a quarter to Four o'clock, to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.*

QUESTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—The total amount charged by the Bank of England for floating and inscribing the Loan of £5,500,000?
2. MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is he aware of the totally inadequate supply of Female Domestic Servants sent to the Colony by the Agent General?
 - (2.) Will he give immediate instructions to the Agent General to supply this want as far as he can?
3. MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is he aware that the Over-head Railway Bridge at Parramatta Railway Station cannot be used by aged and infirm persons, and that they are compelled to take train at Granville for their destination, and that such Bridge is a source of much discomfort to Railway travellers during wet weather?
 - (2.) Is he aware that most of our suburban trains take nearly one hour in going to and from Parramatta and Sydney, a distance of $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles?
 - (3.) Is he aware that little or no time is allowed passengers by the trains to obtain tickets before their departure?
 - (4.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into these matters, with a view of affording greater facilities to the public, and give instructions for the making of a Subway at the Parramatta Railway Station?
4. MR. BARBOUR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) When will the Land Office Days under the new Land Bill be gazetted?
 - (2.) Will the Eastern Division, which principally consists of the settled counties, be gazetted at once?
5. MR. YOUNG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that return tickets, first-class, by rail between Sydney and Melbourne, available for two months, are obtainable usually at £6 1s. 6d., and frequently at £5 5s.?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the first-class rail fare to Albury is £3 5s. 9d., or £6 11s. 6d. there and back?
 - (3.) In the event of passengers with through return tickets for Melbourne proceeding no further than Albury, and thus saving 10s. or £1 6s. 6d., as the case may be,—what portion of the money paid for the through ticket is paid to the Railway Department of Victoria?
6. MR. W. J. FERGUSSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that an application has been made to have a large Timber Reserve proclaimed on Ben Lomond Run, near New England; if so, is he aware that nearly all the land on Ben Lomond is good agricultural land?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to grant the application?
7. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant the application of Messrs. A. Stuart and Harnett to lease four and a half miles of the foreshores of Port Jackson?
 - (2.) What is the total area of foreshores applied for by different persons for oyster culture?
8. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) What was the amount voted for additions to the Registrar General's Office?
 - (2.) Have tenders been accepted, if so, what is the amount of such tender?
 - (3.) Will the intended additions give more accommodation to the public making searches or otherwise transacting business at the counter in the Land Titles Office?
 - (4.) Will more accommodation be provided for the Statistical Branch?
 - (5.) Did the Registrar General consult any of the Deputy Registrars General as to the alterations and additions?
 - (6.) Has he approved of the proposed alterations and additions?
9. MR. TARGETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When is it proposed to send the Flying Railway Survey to Oberon, as promised?

10. **MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 (1.) Have tenders been invited ; if not, when will they be for the construction of the Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River, on the line from Homebush to Waratah ?
 (2.) Is it intended to order an Iron Bridge from England, or call for tenders in the Colonies ?
11. **MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.—**Will the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, or other Officer, with regard to the Trial Survey from Narrabri to Walgett be laid upon the Table of the House this Session and printed ; if not, when ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Military Contingent Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, " That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the government, discipline, payment, and maintenance of the Australian Contingent, engaged and despatched for service with Her Majesty's Regular Forces in Egypt, and for the indemnification of all persons employed or concerned in the engagement and despatch of such Contingent, and for the validation of all acts done and payments made in connection therewith, in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament."
2. Supply ; House to resolve itself into Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; House to resolve itself into Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

- Dr. J. J. J.*
1. **MR. HOLTERMANN to move,** That the Report from the Select Committee on " Whaling Road, North Shore," brought up on 1st November, 1884, be now adopted.
 2. **MR. BURNS to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the Conditional Purchase at Cessnock made by Mr. David Gallagher at Maitland on the 5th June, 1884.
 3. **MR. TARGETT to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, and other documents, since 1st January, 1882, inquiring as to means of provisionally registering Inventions, or complaining of the want of such provision ; and, generally, copies of all letters, documents, minutes, &c., with reference to amendment of the present practice of granting Letters of Registration, or to amendment of the Patent Law.
 4. **MR. DIBBS to move,** That leave of absence during the present Session be granted to John Cramsie, Esquire, one of the Members for the Electorate of Balranald ; and Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, Member for the Electorate of Grenfell.
 5. **MR. BAKER to move,** That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should no longer delay the notification of a Land Office day, so that under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 the people may not be further debarred from exercising their right to apply for Conditional Purchases.
 6. **MR. BAKER to move,** That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Surveyor's reports, and reports of other Public Officers, and of all petitions, documents, declarations, and other papers, in reference to a request made by the people of Carcoar for a Road from Fel timber Creek to Carcoar.
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 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government of this Colony should withdraw from the New Guinea Annexation Scheme, subject to an honourable payment of our share of the liabilities already incurred.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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1. Federation of the Australian Colonies ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions :—
 (1.) That an Address be communicated to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that any Law enabling the Federation of the Australian Colonies which would have the effect of excluding other of Her Majesty's possessions, and especially of Great Britain and Ireland, may not have Her Majesty's sanction.
 (2.) That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to forward such Address to Her Majesty by telegram without delay.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH.

QUESTIONS :—

1. **MR. HOLTERMANN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**When will he call for tenders to construct the Branch Railway Line from Pearce's Corner to the water's edge at North Shore ?
2. **MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 (1.) Was a Petition and Resolutions presented to him for and against a deviation of the Narrabri to Moree Railway Extension ?
 (2.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief or other Officer's report been asked for in the matter and received, or will it be ; and if so, the nature thereof, and probable cost of such deviation, or other loss ?
 (3.) Has the Minister arrived at a decision in the matter ; does he intend to sanction the asked for deviation, or to follow the already surveyed Railway Line to Moree ?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. B. SMITH to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the Exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.

(2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.

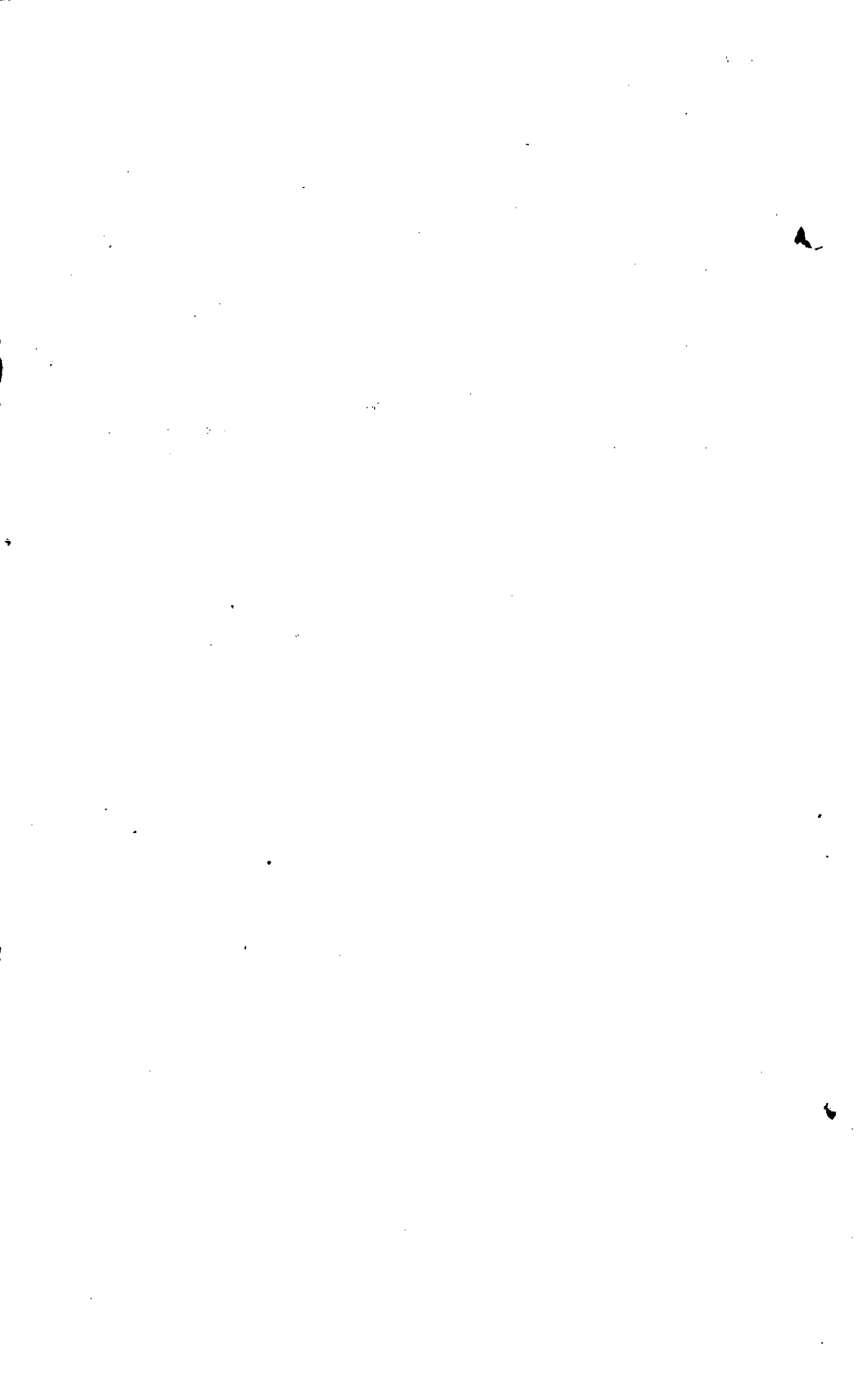
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Newcastle Streets Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

No. 7.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH, 1885.

QUESTIONS:—

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 - (3.) Has the Minister arrived at a decision in the matter; does he intend to sanction the asked for deviation, or to follow the already surveyed Railway Line to Moree?
3. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to keep up the strength of the Force sent to the Soudan by having drilled men ready to draft off to fill up any vacancies caused in the ranks of our Contingent by death?
4. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE,—Are the Clerks in the Supreme and other Courts allowed to act as law reporters for the Daily Papers?
5. MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it true that the twenty-one selections made by the Honorable A. Stuart at Campbelltown in 1874 of land situate near Ilawarra, under the 19th section of the Land Act, have been re-selected by F. Browne and five others in six selections at the proper Land Office?
 - (2.) If so, has the Secretary for Lands issued the deeds to the Honorable A. Stuart, in the face of a protest against the issue of the deeds until the question of title has been decided by the Supreme Court?
 - (3.) Is it true that the Honorable A. Stuart applied for the twenty-one selections on one day; and is it for these selections that he issued the deeds?
6. MR. GARVAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Can the Government afford the House any particulars regarding the Federal Exploratory Expedition into New Guinea, subsidised by votes of this House and of the Legislatures of Victoria and Queensland, particularly as to whether definite details in outline have been received, mentioning,—
 - (1.) The points of debarcation, and districts of country to be explored?
 - (2.) The personnel of the Expedition?
 - (3.) The prospects of co-operation or assistance, if needed, from Admiral Tryon and General Scratchley?
 - (4.) And the approximate date of departure?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
2. Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. DR. ROSS *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of applications that have been made to purchase land by virtue of improvements from the 1st January, 1883, to the present date, specifying the number in each year respectively.
 - (2.) The area applied for in each year.
 - (3.) The name of the county and person applying for the same.
 - (4.) The nature or character of such improvements, and the amount in each case respectively.
 - (5.) The area of land sold by virtue of improvements, and the amount realised from the sale of the same.
 - (6.) The number of applications still undisposed of, and the area so applied for.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move*, That the act of the Speaker of this Assembly attending a public, political, and party banquet, given to the Ministry by their friends and supporters, was inconsistent with the neutrality and impartiality of his office, and not favourable to the fair and upright conduct of the business of this House.
3. MR. SUTTON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, reports, and other papers having reference to the distribution of the unconditional grant of £600 in aid of the Orange School of Arts.

ORDER

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federation of the Australian Colonies; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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1. Supply; House to resolve itself into Committee.
2. Ways and Means; House to resolve itself into Committee.

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 - (3.) The name of the county and person applying for the same.
 - (4.) The nature or character of such improvements, and the amount in each case respectively.
 - (5.) The area of land sold by virtue of improvements, and the amount realised from the sale of the same.
 - (6.) The number of applications still undisposed of, and the area so applied for.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federation of the Australian Colonies; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—
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