

the natives had so decreased that their destruction was necessary, as they ate up the natural grass from sheep and cattle.

Mr. MONGER said that it might suit Mr. Padbury to have them destroyed, as there may not be many natives in his part of the country, but he could assure hon. members that to the eastward of York the natives lived upon them.

Mr. SHENTON thought they ought not to permit kangaroos to be killed within a certain distance of towns. Between Perth and Toodyay a number of natives live upon kangaroo.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) would not press the Bill, if he thought it would injure the natives.

Mr. GULL did not think the Bill necessary, as persons now killed kangaroos without any license.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said but if this Ordinance is repealed, people will go and kill kangaroos for the sake of the skins. The export duty of 1s. on each prevents their destruction.

Mr. GULL was in favor of the prohibition.

Mr. MONGER commented that some years since as many as 200 or 300 kangaroos might be seen together, but now they were not nearly so numerous. He would move the Bill be read that day six months.

Clause not agreed to.

Bill defeated.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed, on motions by the Colonial Secretary (Hon. F. P. Barlee): Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill, Fremantle Carriage Ordinance, 1868, Law of Evidence and Practice on Criminal Trials Bill, Law of Evidence Bill, Larceny and Embezzlement Bill, Administration of Estates of Deceased Persons Bill, Specialty and Simple Contract Debts Bill, Distressed Colonial Seamen Bill, Naturalization Bill, and Guildford Appropriation Lands Bill.

TRESPASS BY HERDS OF WILD HORSES AND CATTLE

Select Committee Report.

Mr. PHILLIPS moved that the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 20th December, 1870.

Survey Department Returns—Papers Tabled—Pauper Returns—Adjournment.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4 p.m.
PRAYERS.

SURVEY DEPARTMENT RETURNS.

Mr. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, moved that the following returns be laid on the Table of the House:—A full account of all pay and allowances to each surveyor in the year 1849; the number of town lots, with acreage, marked out by each surveyor in the year 1849; same particulars for 1859 and 1869.

Question put and passed; the returns were tabled.

PAPERS TABLED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the Table of the House two despatches from the Secretary of State. They were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Downing Street,
28th Oct., 1870.

Sir,—With reference to that part of my Circular Despatch of the 7th inst. which related to the request of the Government of Victoria that a steam vessel might be held in readiness at Galle to convey to Australia any news of special importance connected with the War, I have the honor to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of the Despatch which I have addressed to Lord Canterbury in answer to this application.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

Governor Weld, &c.

Downing Street,
28th Oct., 1870.

MY LORD,—With reference to that part of my Circular Despatch of the 7th inst., A, which related to the request of your government that a despatch boat might be held in readiness at Galle to convey to South Australia any news of special importance connected with the war, I have the honor to inform you that I have been in communication on this subject with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

2. It appears to Her Majesty's Government that it would generally be easier for an agent of the Colony than for the Home Government to determine what news might be sufficiently

important to justify the special despatch of a steamer some 4,000 miles, and the employment of a vessel of war would certainly not, as a rule, be the quickest mode of transmitting intelligence to the Colony. It would moreover be extremely inconvenient to keep one of the fastest of Her Majesty's vessels of war continually waiting at Galle, for the purpose of carrying the news, and impossible to foresee what other necessary employment there might be for Her Majesty's ships if this country should unhappily be engaged in war.

3. For other reasons Her Majesty's Government cannot pledge themselves to the particular step suggested by the Government of Victoria, but the Colony may rest assured that if a war should at any time break out, or if there should be any immediate prospect of such a misfortune, Her Majesty's Government will spare no effort to give all the warning and protection to the different parts of the Empire which circumstances may allow. I have communicated a copy of this despatch to the Governors of the other Australian Colonies, including New Zealand, and to Mr. Verdon.

I have, &c., **KIMBERLEY.**

Viscount Canterbury, K.C.B.,

&c. &c. &c.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the Table of the House a despatch relative to an application from Caroline Broun (widow of a late Colonial Secretary) for some assistance from Colonial funds and the reply thereto. They were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Downing Street,
1st Nov., 1870.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from Mrs. Broun, widow of Mr. Peter Broun, who was formerly Colonial Secretary of Western Australia, together with a copy of the answer, which I have caused to be returned to it. I communicate this correspondence to you in case the colonial government might feel disposed to give some small assistance to a lady whose husband served the colony for 18 years.

I have, &c.,
KIMBERLEY.

Governor Weld,
136 Kensington Park Road,
Notting Hill, W., Oct. 5, 1870.

MY LORD,—I am sorry to write to you on the old subject, but my position for want of a small income (certain) to live on is very frightful. It is two years

and three months since my income (very small) ceased from property that is now gone in Western Australia, and all those I had a claim on, and who would now be in civil service office, are dead, my husband, two brothers-in-law, and my eldest son. Those who have helped me willingly and cheerfully since my income ceased, cannot help me any longer; their own circumstances have changed so largely for the worse, that they find it impossible almost to keep their very large families of young children and themselves. My son in Western Australia has a wife, eight young children, a sister depending on him and very delicate, and also the widow and child of my eldest son, who were both left penniless at his death, three years ago, he has to keep and support. I drew a bill for £15 on my son in Australia four months ago, and he has been compelled to return it not accepted for want of funds; now I have no hope against the horrors of want and debt also to a small extent here. I write this, my lord, to ask you if you can allow me some small certain help from the civil list. I do not ask it as a claim, but as a matter of want. My husband was Colonial Secretary of that colony for eighteen years; his death caused all my troubles. Other official officers have lived to recover the losses of early days, and have better salaries now to provide for their widows and children. I would work rather than ask this boon of you, and who would give it me? I hope, my Lord, you will consider my helpless condition, and if you cannot move in it now, perhaps you will lay the case before Lord Kimberley for me as I am aware, my Lord you are not the Secretary of State for the colonies now, and I should not like to appeal to a new Secretary of State, after having appealed to the former one; with many apologies, my Lord,

I am, &c.,
CAROLINE BROUN.

The Rt. Honble. Earl Granville,
K.C.B.

Downing Street,
1st November, 1870.

MADAM,—Earl Granville has forwarded to the Earl of Kimberley your letter of the 5th ultimo. Lord Kimberley desires me to express his sympathy with you in your difficulties, but his Lordship regrets that he is unable to hold out to you any hope for assistance from the Civil List.

I am, &c.,
R. W. Herbert,

Mrs. Broun.

PAUPER RETURNS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the Table of the House the following pauper returns moved for by Mr. Drummond:—

Perth, 20th December, 1870.

Return of all Paupers receiving aid from Colonial Funds, distinguishing those who were originally Convicts.

Paupers in receipt of relief from Colonial Funds this day— 246.
Of the above, 47 males were originally convicts.

J. FERGUSON.

Officer in Charge of Poor House.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. DRUMMOND suggested that the House adjourn until the 2nd January.

Mr. STEERE moved that the House adjourn until Wednesday, 28th inst.

A long desultory conversation ensued, interspersed with no small amount of senatorial "chaff" during which time the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. the Attorney General, and the Hon. the Surveyor General retired.

The question was put and a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 7
Noes 7

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Carr	Mr. Newman
Mr. Shenton	Mr. Drummond
Mr. McKail	Mr. Gull
Mr. Bussell	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Brown	Mr. Moore
Mr. Logue	Mr. Monger
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	Mr. Phillips (Teller.)

The voting being equal, the SPEAKER gave his casting vote with the Ayes.

Question thus passed.

The Council adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 28th December, 1870.

Papers Tabled—Survey Department Returns—Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors Bill: in committee—14th Victoria, No. 6, Amendment Bill: second reading: in committee—Municipalities Bill: third reading—Aboriginal Natives Pearl Shell Fishery Bill: third reading—Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill: recommittal: in committee: third reading—Railway and Telegraph Bill: second reading: in committee—Third Readings.

The SPEAKER took the Chair 4 p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPERS TABLED.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) laid on the Table of the House a circular despatch from the Secretary of

State, enclosing an English Act to amend the laws relating to compulsory vaccination.

Also, certain letters from Mr. Thos. H. J. Browne containing a proposal to reopen a canal to the west of Cliff Street, Fremantle, joining the sea at or near the north and south jetties; the other communication from Mr. Browne was with reference to a proposed line of railway hence to the Eastern District.

The documents were read by the Clerk.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) stated that he placed Mr. Browne's letter on the table for the information of the House, as they contained proposals to undertake works of considerable magnitude. The Government did not think it necessary to take any steps in the matter, and he could offer no opinions as to Mr. Browne's capabilities. Having placed them before the Council, it would be for them to say if they would take any steps in the matter or not. With reference to a despatch read a few days since enclosing a petition from Mrs. Broun, it was not the intention of the Government to grant that lady any assistance from the public funds. It would be necessary however, for the House to take some action in the matter, so as to enable the Governor to frame a reply thereto, and to show the Secretary of State that the paper referred to has been placed before the Council.

SURVEY DEPARTMENT RETURNS.

Mr. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, moved that the following return be laid on the Table of the House:—Any correspondence there may be relative to the appointment of a Deputy Surveyor General, tending to show what the duties of the office are. A return showing the number of days the Deputy Surveyor General has been actually in the field, defining the service then performed by him. Such return from the date of his arrival in the colony up to the present time.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid upon the Table of the House the returns moved for by Mr. Shenton, which papers had been forwarded to him by Captain Roe.

SALE OF FERMENTED AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS BILL.

In Committee.

Mr. STEERE moved the following amendments:—

Clause 1—

That it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace, upon an information being laid before him on oath that any