

"The Governor will be obliged if the Council will favor him with an early expression of their opinion with respect to the concession asked for by Sir Julius Vogel.

"Government House, Perth, 20th July, 1883."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) moved, That the consideration of the Message be made an Order of the Day for Monday, the 23rd July.

Agreed to.

MESSAGE (No. 2): DESPATCHES *RE* KIMBERLEY STOCKING CLAUSE AND PRIOR CLAIMS OF CROWN LESSEES.

THE SPEAKER also announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:

"Referring to paragraph 19 of the Speech with which he opened the Session, the Governor lays before the Honorable the Legislative Council the Despatches noted in the margin,* on the subject of the Stocking Clause for the Kimberley District, the prior claims of Lessees of Crown Lands to a renewal of their leases, and other points connected with the Land Regulations.

"The Governor requests the Council to consider these Despatches, and to favor him with their views upon the questions to which they refer.

"The Regulation dealing with the renewal of existing leases of Crown Lands has been drafted at the suggestion of the Council, and the Governor will be glad to learn, before proclaiming it, whether it meets their wishes."

"Government House, Perth, 20th July, 1883."

["*Governor to Secretary of State, No. 151, dated 28th October, 1882; Secretary of State to Governor, No. 73, dated 3rd May, 1883; Governor to Secretary of State, No. 27, dated 29th January, 1883; Secretary of State to Governor, No. 72, dated 3rd May, 1883;—printed in separate Paper."]

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) moved, That the consideration of the Message be made an Order of the Day for Monday, the 23rd July.

Agreed to.

The House adjourned at ten o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Monday, 23rd July, 1883.

Cessation of Nominated Immigration—Precaution against Pleuro-Pneumonia—Correspondence with Secretary of State relative to appointment Puisne Judge—Kimberley District: Reports of Resident Magistrate and of Capt. Archdeacon—Correspondence with South Australian firm re Ocean Steamers calling at Fremantle—Volunteer Bill: first reading—Revenue Returns of Plantagenet District—Excess Bill, 1883: second reading; referred to Select Committee—Message (No. 2) re Land Regulations: referred to Select Committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

CESSATION OF NOMINATED IMMIGRATION.

MR. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary, "To lay on the Table a copy of the correspondence between the late Administrator and the Home authorities relative to the cessation of nominated immigration." It was rumoured that His Excellency during the recess had put a stop to that system of introducing immigrants into the Colony, and he thought it was very desirable the House should be placed in possession of the correspondence on the subject.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) said that the recent correspondence with the Home Government on the subject of immigration would shortly be transmitted to the Council by His Excellency the Governor. Nominated immigration had not, however, ceased, but was being proceeded with up to the limit of the current vote of £5,500. Mr. Felgate's conduct of the Agency not having been satisfactory, the Crown Agents had been requested to employ some other suitable person for all new nominations.

PRECAUTION AGAINST PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

MR. McRAE, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary, "Whether the attention of the Government had been called to the fact that pleuro-pneumonia prevails amongst the cattle in the Northern Territory of South Australia, and to the danger of the introduction of that terrible disease into this Colony through the instrumentality of

"the droves of large stock now on their way overland to the Kimberley District from Queensland and New South Wales; and whether the Government propose to take any steps in the matter?"

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) replied that a telegram had been sent to the South Australian Government, requesting authentic information as to the prevalence of disease among cattle in their Northern Territory, and that, on receipt of a reply to this telegram, the possibility of any action by this Government would be considered.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE *RE* APPOINTMENT OF A PUISNE JUDGE.

SIR T. COCKBURN-CAMPBELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary, "Whether any communications had passed between the Government of this Colony and the Secretary of State on the subject of a resolution proposed in the House on the 18th of April last, affirming the desirability of the permanent retention of Mr. E. A. Stone's services as Puisne Judge—the consideration of which resolution was postponed until the present Session of the Legislature?"

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) said the Government was waiting for the reply of the Secretary of State, who had been duly made aware of the wishes of the Legislative Council in regard to this question.

KIMBERLEY DISTRICT: REPORTS OF RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, &c.

MR. CAREY, in accordance with notice, moved, "That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House any reports or correspondence from the Resident Magistrate of Kimberley relative to that district, selection of townsite, its position as regards the port, watering capabilities, &c.; also, Captain Archdeacon's report as to King's Sound." The hon. member said he thought it was very desirable the House should be placed in possession of every information possible on the subject referred to, in

view of the proposed further expenditure of money in the Kimberley District. He was informed that the site selected for the new townsite was by no means a good one,—or, at any rate, that it presented many drawbacks, and if the Resident Magistrate had made any report on the subject he thought the House would be glad to have it. He had some recollection of a report being made by Captain Archdeacon, some years ago, when in charge of the Admiralty Survey, as to King Sound, and, as this report might throw some light on the subject also, he had included it in the address.

Motion agreed to.

OCEAN STEAMERS CALLING AT FREMANTLE.

MR. CAREY, in accordance with notice, moved, "That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of any correspondence that has taken place between the Government and a South Australian firm or company with reference to Ocean Steamers calling at Fremantle." He understood that a gentleman then in the Colony, representing a firm in Adelaide, had been in communication with the Government on the subject, and that he had made what appeared a very liberal offer, as regards this Colony, for steamers calling regularly at Fremantle. If so, he thought it very desirable the House should be in possession of the terms of the offer made.

Motion agreed to.

VOLUNTEER BILL.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) moved the first reading of a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

REVENUE RETURNS: PLANTAGENET DISTRICT.

SIR T. COCKBURN-CAMPBELL, in accordance with notice, moved for a return showing the annual revenue collected in the Plantagenet magisterial

district, from all sources of income, during the past three years; also a return of the public expenditure within that district during the same period.

Motion agreed to.

EXCESS BILL, 1882.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser), in moving the second reading of this Bill, said he did not think it was necessary for him, at this stage, to do any more than draw the attention of hon. members to the returns already laid on the Table, as prepared by the Colonial Treasurer,* showing the expenditure for the service of the past year compared with the amounts voted on the Estimates for that year. These returns, together with the remarks of the Auditor General appended thereto, would furnish the House with all particulars as to the various overdrafts, and as he understood it was proposed to follow the usual course with regard to the Bill—refer it to a Select Committee—he would not trespass further upon the time of the House, by going into any details with reference to the items constituting it.

Motion for second reading agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) moved, *pro forma*, that the Bill be now considered in Committee of the whole.

MR. SHENTON moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Brown, Mr. Venn, Mr. Crowther, and the mover, and, with leave, Mr. Carey and Mr. Randell.

Amendment put and passed.

MESSAGE (No. 2): RE LAND REGULATIONS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) said when this Message was received from His Excellency the Governor, on Friday, it was moved that it should be taken into consideration to-day; but he understood it was the general wish of the House that the Message in the first place should be referred to a Select Committee. That being the case, he would now move that the Message be so referred, and that the Select Committee consist of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr. Steere, Mr. McRae, Sir T. Cockburn-Campbell, Mr. Marmion, and

the mover, and, by leave, Mr. Witte-noom, Mr. Carey, and Mr. Brown.

Agreed to.

The House adjourned at eight o'clock, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 24th July, 1883.

Presentation of the Address in Reply—Eastern Railway: Deviation on Second Section—Message (No. 3): Grant of Land for Coffee Palace—Message (No. 4): Papers relating to Mr. Hordern's Scheme for Land Grant Railways—Night Trains during Session of Council—Consideration of Message (No. 1) re Ocean Cable—Imperial Pauper Invalids Bill: in committee—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

At half-past twelve o'clock, the Council adjourned to Government House to present the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech. On re-assembling,

THE SPEAKER announced to the Council that the Address to His Excellency the Governor had been presented in accordance with the Resolution of the House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF
"THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

"I thank you very heartily for your cordial Address in reply to my Speech, and I trust that our mutual desire to advance the interests of the Colony may result in the accomplishment of some useful work during the Session now begun.

"Government House, Perth, 24th July, 1883."

EASTERN RAILWAY: DEVIATION ON SECOND SECTION.

MR. SHENTON, in accordance with notice, asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, "To lay on the Table of the House the Departmental Minutes and Report in the matter of the deviation on

* Sessional Paper No. 1, p. 13, et seq.