

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.  
Preamble agreed to.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill reported, with an amendment.

### PEARL SHELL FISHERY REGULATION BILL.

#### Recommittal.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of further re-considering clause 3.

Question put and passed.

#### In Committee.

#### Clause 3—

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that all words after the word "regulations," in the fourth line, be struck out, and the words "shall be laid on the Table of the Legislative Council within ten days after the meeting of the then next session of the said Council," be inserted in lieu.

Amendment put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes .....	11
Noes .....	7
Majority for .....	4

Ayes.	Noes.
The Hon. H. H. Hocking	Mr. Crowther
The Hon. M. Fraser	Mr. Padbury
Mr. Hurt	Mr. Gale
Mr. Brown	Mr. Monger
Mr. Shenton	Mr. Marmion
Mr. W. Burgess	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Handell	Mr. Steere (Teller.)
Mr. Glyde	
Mr. T. Burgess	
Mr. Hamersley	
The Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

Clause, as further amended, agreed to.

Bill again reported, with a further amendment.

### DISTRICT ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

#### Third Reading.

Mr. BROWN moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Council adjourned at 12.30 a.m. (Tuesday).

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Tuesday, 21st December, 1875.

Land Regulations for Northern and Eastern Districts: select committee report—Harbor Improvements, Fremantle: select committee report—Papers Tabled—Geraldton and Northampton Railway: select committee report: in committee—Estimates: in committee—Assent to Bills: Message from the Governor, No. 3

The ACTING SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.

#### PRAYERS.

### LAND REGULATIONS FOR NORTHERN AND EASTERN DISTRICTS.

#### Select Committee Report.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) brought up the report of the select committee appointed to report on suggested amendments to the Land Regulations.

The report was received, read, and ordered to be printed.

### HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS, FREMANTLE.

#### Select Committee Report.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) brought up the report of the select committee appointed to inquire into the merits of certain schemes for harbor improvements at Fremantle, the plans and papers connected with this had been laid on the Table of the House, to consider the whole question, and to bring forward, with a view to its adoption by the Council, some definite proposition by which this most important though difficult question may be put into such a practical shape as may conform with the present requirements of the port and the resources at the disposal of the Council.

The report was received, read, and ordered to be printed.

#### PAPERS TABLED.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) placed on the table the following plans and drawings:—

1. Plans and drawings showing suggested additions and alterations to the rooms at Government House devoted to public entertainment.
2. Plans and drawings of proposed additions to Perth Gaol.
3. Plans and drawings of public buildings at Roebourne now being constructed.

# GERALDTON AND NORTHAMPTON RAILWAY.

## Select Committee Report.

Mr. STEERE moved that the report be now referred to a Committee of the whole Council to make certain amendments.

Question put and passed.

In Committee.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2—

Mr. STEERE moved that after the word "Council," in the fourth line, the words and figures, "in 1873," be inserted; and after the word "the," at the end of the sixth line, the word "late," be inserted,

Amendments agreed to.

Mr. STEERE moved that the word "Executive," in the fifth line of the second part of the clause be struck out, and the words, "late administration," be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. STEERE moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting him to introduce a Bill to raise a loan to provide the necessary sum to carry to a completion the works of the Geraldton and Northampton Railway, as recommended by the select committee, and that a copy of the report be presented to His Excellency by the Acting Speaker.

Question put and passed.

## ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: *Customs Department*, £3,086.

After some debate, the ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the salary of the tidewater at Geraldton be increased from £60 to £90.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: *Postal and Telegraph Department*, £16,712.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that after the item "The Caretaker, £90," the item, "Clerk Money Order Office, £70," be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: *Administration of Justice*, £8,750.

Mr. STEERE moved that the item "Attorney General, £100," be struck out.

Debate ensued.

Amendment put, "That the item, 'Attorney General, £100' be struck out", upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes ..... 11

Noes ..... 7

Majority for ..... 4

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Crowther	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Shenton	Mr. W. Hargreaves
Mr. Padbury	Mr. T. Hargreaves
Mr. Gale	Mr. Brown
Mr. Glyde	Mr. Randell
Mr. Hamersley	Mr. Hurl
Mr. Munger	The Hon. A. O'Grady
Mr. Bickley	Lefroy (Teller.)
Mr. Marmion	
Mr. Pearce	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Amendment thus passed.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that after the figure "1", in the third line, under the heading "Clerks to Magistrates," the word "Guildford" be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.

Item: *Medical Department*, £5,332 15s.

Item: *Harbor and Light Department*, £3,675.

Items agreed to.

Item: *Police*, £22,976 16s.

After some debate, the item was agreed to.

Item: *Gaols*, £4,592 10s.

Item: *Rottnest Penal Establishment*, £1,680.

Item: *Government Printing Establishment*, £961.

Item: *Poor House and Charitable Allowance*, £3,243.

Items agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

## ASSENT TO BILLS.

Message from the Governor—No. 3.

The ACTING SPEAKER announced that he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor informs Your Honorable House that he has this day assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the

undermentioned Bills, passed by the Legislative Council during the present Session of the Legislature:—

"An Act to amend *The Capital Punishment Amendment Act, 1871.*"

"An Act to further amend the Law of Evidence."

"An Act to empower the Governor under certain circumstances to authorise persons to have and use Distilling Apparatus without a license."

"An Act to confirm the Expenditure for the services of the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, beyond the grant for that year."

"An Act to amend *The Colonial Passengers' Ordinance, 1861.*"

"An Act to further amend the Administration of Justice."

"An Act to make it lawful to close up certain streets in the City of Perth."

"An Act to amend the Bastardy Laws."

"An Act to make provision for the maintenance of Discipline among the Crews of Coasting Vessels."

"An Act to amend the Law relating to Election Petitions, and to provide more effectually for the prevention of Corrupt Practices at the Election of Members of the Legislative Council."

"An Act to further amend *The Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872.*"

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The Council adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 22nd December, 1875.

Perth Drainage Bill: first reading—Offenders Apprehension Bill: second reading and committee—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: third reading—Geraldton and Northampton Railway Petition: in committee—Estimates: in committee.

The ACTING SPEAKER took the Chair at 7 p.m.

PRAYERS.

#### PERTH DRAINAGE BILL.

First Reading.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking), in accordance with notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to declare valid the City of Perth drainage rates.

The Bill was read a first time.

#### OFFENDERS APPREHENSION BILL.

Second Reading and Committee.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was read a second time, and passed through Committee without amendment.

#### PEARL SHELL FISHERY REGULATION BILL.

Third Reading.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### GERALDTON AND NORTHAMPTON RAILWAY PETITION.

In Committee.

Mr. CROWTHER moved that in the opinion of the House the goods imported by Mr. Palmer for the construction of the Geraldton and Northampton railway, and upon which he had paid duty, may fairly be considered to come within the meaning of the words, "all material for construction of railways," in the Tariff Act of 1872, and that the amount of £67 18s. 2d. should be refunded to Mr. Palmer.

Question put and passed.

#### ESTIMATES.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Item: Immigration, £7,000.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) moved that His Excellency the Governor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £3,000 for the introduction of immigrants, beyond the vote for 1876, should such vote be found to be insufficient.

Amendment agreed to.

Item, as amended, agreed to.