

In Committee.

Clause 1—

Mr. PADBURY suggested that its provisions be applied to the fathers of half-caste children in like manner as to the putative fathers of whites.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) said he would give the matter his consideration and would not press the Bill through Committee until he had had an opportunity of seeing what could be done in the matter.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10—

Mr. RANDELL moved that the word "thirteen," in the fifth line, be struck out, and the word "fourteen" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 13 agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

CONFIRMATION OF EXPENDITURE
BILL.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

The Bill passed through Committee without amendment.

The Council adjourned at 11 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Tuesday, 7th December, 1875.

Land Regulations for Northern and Eastern Districts: select committee—Post Office Savings Bank Ordinance Amendment Bill: second reading: postponement—Election Petitions Bill: second reading: in committee—Confirmation of Expenditure Bill: third reading.—Paper Tabled.

The ACTING SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.

PRAYERS.

LAND REGULATIONS FOR NORTHERN
AND EASTERN DISTRICTS.

Select Committee.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser), in accordance with notice, moved that the select committee now appointed to report

on suggested amendments to regulations for the disposal of Crown lands in the northern and eastern districts be requested to consider and report in what manner the small farmer may be placed in a better position than at present as regards the depasturing of his stock; and supposing grazing rights to be considered, how they may be distributed so as not to press unduly on the existing rights of any class of settlers.

Question put and passed.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
BILL.

Second Reading: Postponement.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said that the Bill provided that the funds of the Savings Bank shall not be invested in the colony, but in consols or in other approved securities elsewhere. He further said that it was introduced by the Government at the direction of the Secretary of State. He moved that the second reading be postponed until Tuesday, the 14th December.

Mr. STEERE said there was a strong feeling of opposition on the part of members to the Bill, and he recommended the Government to withdraw it altogether or, in all probability, it would be consigned to the limbo of Parliamentary abortions.

Question put and passed.

ELECTION PETITIONS BILL.

Second Reading.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

In Committee.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Mr. BURT moved that the word "five," in the 12th line of subclause (4), be struck out and the word "three" inserted in lieu.

Debate ensued.

Amendment put, "that the word 'five' be struck out and the word 'three' inserted in lieu," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	8
Noes	8

Ayes.
 Mr. Hurt
 Mr. Brown
 Mr. Hamersley
 Mr. W. Hargreaves
 Mr. T. Burges
 Mr. Glyde
 Mr. Monger
 Mr. Randell (*Teller.*)

Noes.
 The Hon. A. O'Grady
 Lefroy
 The Hon. M. Fraser
 Mr. Crowther
 Mr. Steere
 Mr. Shenton
 Mr. Padbury
 Mr. Gale
 The Hon. H. H. Hocking
 (*Teller.*)

The voting being equal, the CHAIRMAN gave his casting vote with the Noes.

Amendment thus negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the following words be added to subclause (1): "If at any future time the Supreme Court shall consist of more than one judge, such trial shall be conducted before the Chief Justice and at least one other judge."

Amendment agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that after the words "the judge," in the first line of subclause (3), the words "or judges" be inserted; and after the word "him," in the second line, insert the words "or them."

Amendments agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that after the words "the judge," in the first line of subclause (4), the words "or judges" be inserted.

Amendment agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the words "Chief Justice" in the third line of subclause (5) be struck out, and the words "presiding judge or judges" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the words "Chief Justice" in the fourth line from the end of the clause, be struck out, and the words "presiding judge or judges" inserted in lieu; and after the word "his," in the second line from the end, the words "or their" be inserted.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 32 agreed to.

Clause 33—

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that the word "is," in the last line be struck out, and the word "are" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, with amendments.

CONFIRMATION OF EXPENDITURE 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.

PAPER TABLED.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) laid on the table a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor notifying that Her Majesty would not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of certain Acts passed during the preceding Council.

The Council adjourned at 3 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Wednesday, 8th December, 1875.

Paper Tabled—Supply of Water to Shipping—Revision of Tariff—Pearl Shell Fishery Regulation Bill: second reading: motion for committee stage: in committee—Capital Punishment Amendment Bill: second reading: in committee—Law of Evidence Amendment Bill: second reading: in committee—Protection of Witnesses Bill: second reading—Distillation Act, 1871. Amendment Bill: third reading.

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

PRAYERS.

PAPER TABLED.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid on the table a plan showing the position of the mulberry plantation in Perth, and the streets adjacent.

SUPPLY OF WATER TO SHIPPING.

Mr. PEARSE, in accordance with notice, asked the Surveyor General what steps he had taken to carry out the resolutions of the House with regard to the supply of water to shipping at Fremantle.