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LEGISLATURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

GOVERNOR:

HIS EXCELLENCY ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK GEORGE DENHAM BEDFORD, G.C.B.

THE MINISTRY:

SIXTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

(General Election of Assembly in 1905, after the Rason Ministry proposed a programme of measures; the Ministry resigned in 1906, during recess; and the Moore Ministry accepted office in May, 1906.)

Premier and Minister for Lands	THE HON. NEWTON JAMES MOORE, M.L.A.
Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Agriculture	THE HON. FRANK WILSON, M.L.A.
Minister for Mines and Railways	THE HON. HENRY GREGORY, M.L.A.
Attorney General	THE HON. NORBERT KEENAN, M.L.A.
Minister for Works	THE HON. JAMES PRICE, M.L.A.
Colonial Secretary	THE HON. JAMES DANIEL CONNOLLY, M.L.C.
Minister without Portfolio	THE HON. CHARLES AUSTIN PIESSE, M.L.C.
Minister without Portfolio	THE HON. JAMES MITCHELL, M.L.A.

[The Hon. C. A. Piesse resigned as Honorary Minister after close of Session.]

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

SIXTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

President:—The HONOURABLE HENRY BRIGGS.

Chairman of Committees:—The HONOURABLE WALTER KINGSMILL.

Member.	Date of Election.	Province.
1. Bellingham, The Honourable George	May, 1902	South
2. Briggs, The Honourable Henry	May, 1904	West
3. Brimage,* The Honourable Thomas Frederick Outridge	May, 1906	North-East
4. Clarke, The Honourable Ephraim Mayo	May, 1902	South-West
5. Connolly,* The Honourable James Daniel	May, 1906	North-East
6. Connor, The Honourable Francis	June, 1906	North
7. Dempster,* The Honourable Charles Edward	May, 1906	East
8. Drew,* The Honourable John Michael	May, 1902	Central
9. Glowrey, The Honourable John Thomas	May, 1906	South
10. Hackett,* The Honourable John Winthrop	May, 1906	South-West
11. Hamersley, The Honourable Vernon	August, 1904	East
12. Haynes, The Honourable Samuel Johnson	May, 1904	South-East
13. Kingsmill, The Hon. Walter	May, 1904	M't'p'n Sub'n
14. Lane, The Honourable Zebina	May, 1904	M't'p'n Sub'n
15. Langeford,* The Honourable Joseph Wood	May, 1906	M't'p'n Sub'n
16. Laurie,* The Honourable Robert	May, 1906	West
17. Loton, The Honourable William Thorley	May, 1902	East
18. McKenzie, The Honourable Robert Donald	May, 1904	North-East
19. McLarty, The Honourable Edward	May, 1904	South-West
20. Maley,* The Honourable Wesley	May, 1906	South-East
21. Moss, The Honourable Matthew Lewis, K.C.	May, 1902	West
22. Oats, The Honourable William	May, 1904	South
23. Patrick, The Honourable William	May, 1904	Central
24. Pennefather, The Honourable Robert William, K.C.	February, 1907	North
25. Piesse, The Honourable Charles Austin	May, 1902	South-East
26. Randell, The Honourable George	May, 1904	Metropolitan
27. Sholl, The Honourable Robt. Fredk.	May, 1904	North
28. Sommers,* The Honourable Charles	May, 1906	Metropolitan
29. Thomson, The Honourable Joseph Angus	May, 1902	Central
30. Wright, The Honourable James William	May, 1902	Metropolitan

NOTES.—Star (*) after name signifies re-election at the end of last term ended April, 1906. Hon. J. D. Connolly re-elected as a Minister. † Sir E. H. Wittenoom resigned (Federal candidate), 30th October; the Hon. B. W. Pennefather elected to the vacancy after close of Session.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

*Speaker:—The Honourable TIMOTHY FRANCIS QUINLAN.**Chairman of Committees:—FREDERICK ILLINGWORTH, Esq.*

Member.	When Elected.	District.
1. Angwin, William Charles, Esq.	November, 1906	Fremantle, East
2. Barnett, Edward Charles, Esq.	October, 1905	Albany
3. Bath,* Thomas Henry, Esq.	Do.	Brown Hill
4. Bolton,* Harry Edward, Esq.	Do.	Fremantle, North
5. Brebber, James, Esq.	Do.	Perth North
6. Brown,* Harry, Esq.	Do.	Perth
7. Brown, Thomas Leishman, Esq.	November, 1906	Geraldton
8. Butcher,* William James, Esq.	November, 1905	Gascoyne
9. Collier, Philip, Esq.	October, 1905	Boulder
10. Cowcher,* Geo. Stanford Francis, Esq.	Do.	Williams
11. Daglish,* Henry, Esq.	Do.	Subiaco
12. Davies, Arthur Elvin, Esq.	July, 1906	Fremantle, South
13. Eddy, William Tresize, Esq.	Do.	Coolgardie
14. Ewing, John, Esq.	October, 1905	Collie
15. Foulkes,* John Charles Griffiths, Esq.	Do.	Claremont
16. Gordon,* William Beattie, Esq.	Do.	Canning
17. Gregory,* The Hon. Henry	Do.	Menzies
18. Gull, Arthur Courthope, Esq.	Do.	Swan
19. Hardwick,* John Edward, Esq.	Do.	Perth, East
20. Hayward,* Thomas, Esq.	Do.	Wellington
21. Heitmann,* Edward Ernest, Esq.	Do.	Cue
22. Hicks,* John Sydney, Esq.	November, 1905	Koebourne
23. Holman,* John Barkell, Esq.	October, 1905	Murchison
24. Horan,* Austin Alvis, Esq.	Do.	Yilgarn
25. Hudson, Charles Arthur, Esq.	November, 1905	Dundas
26. Illingworth, Frederick, Esq.	October, 1905	Perth, West
27. Johnson, William Dartnell, Esq.	July, 1906	Guildford
28. Keenan, The Hon. Norbert	Oct., 1905, re-elected	Kalgoorlie
29. Layman,* Charles Henry, Esq.	October, 1905	Nelson
30. Male, Arthur, Esq.	November, 1905	Kimberley
31. McLarty,* John Pollard, Esq.	October, 1905	Murray
32. Mitchell, The Hon. James	Do.	Northam
33. Monger, Frederick Charles, Esq.	Do.	York
34. Moore,* The Hon. Newton James	Do.	Bunbury
35. Moore,* Samuel Fortescue, Esq.	Do.	Irwin
36. Piesse,* The Hon. Frederick Henry	Do.	Katanning
37. Price, The Hon. James	Do. re-elected	Fremantle
38. Quinlan,* The Hon. Timothy Francis	October, 1905	Toodyay
39. Scaddan,* John, Esq.	Do.	Ivanhoe
40. Smith, Horace, Esq.	Do.	Beverley
41. Stone, Patrick, Esq.	Do.	Greenough
42. Stuart,† Julian Alex. Salmon, Esq.	November, 1906	Mount Leonora
43. Taylor,* George, Esq.	October, 1905	Mount Margaret
44. Troy,* Michael Francis, Esq.	Do.	Mount Magnet
45. Underwood, Rufus Henry, Esq.	August, 1906	Pilbarra
46. Veryard, John, Esq.	October, 1905	Bakatta
47. Walker, Thomas, Esq.	Do.	Kanowna
48. Ware, F. John, Esq.	Do.	Hannans
49. Wilson,* Albert James, Esq.	Do.	Forrest
50. Wilson,* The Hon. Frank	Do.	Sussex

NOTE.—Star (*) after name signifies the Member sat in last Assembly.

† Lynch, P. J. (Mt. Leonora), resigned to seek election to Commonwealth Parliament; vacancy filled by Stuart, J. A. S.

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Agricultural Bank Act, No. 15—

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Agricultural Bank. Introduced in Assembly by the Honorary Minister (Agriculture), 26th September. Assent given.

Appropriation Act, No. 17—

An Act to appropriate the supplies granted for the financial year. Assent given.

Bills of Sale Amendment Act, No. 13—

An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act 1899. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 3rd July. Assent given.

Boat Licensing Amendment Act, No. 33—

An Act to amend the Boat Licensing Act 1878. Introduced in Council by the Colonial Secretary, 25th October. Assent given.

Bread Amendment Act, No. 16—

An Act to amend the Bread Act 1903. Introduced in Assembly by Mr. Veryard (Balkatta), 5th September. Assent given.

Collie Municipality Rates Validation Act, Esperance Municipality Audit Validation Act, No. 2—

An Act to validate certain Rates made by the Council of the Municipality of Collie and the Collie Local Board of Health, and to validate the confirmation of the Report of the Special Auditor for the Municipality of Esperance. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 28th June. Assent given.

Criminal Code Amendment Act, No. 31—

An Act to amend the Criminal Code. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 21st November. Assent given.

Dividend Duties Amendment Act, No. 30—

An Act to amend the Dividend Duties Act 1902. Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 11th December. Assent given.

Evidence Act, No. 28—

An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of Evidence. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 28th June. Assent given.

Excess Act, No. 18—

An Act to confirm certain expenditure for the years ended the 30th June, 1902, 3, 4, 5, 6 (five years). Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer. Assent given.

Fremantle Harbour Trust Amendment Act, No. 35—

An Act to amend the Fremantle Harbour Trust Act 1902. Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Works, 4th October. Assent given.

Fremantle Jockey Club Act, No. 11—

An Act to provide for the Disposal of Funds of the Fremantle Jockey Club. Introduced in Council by the Hon. M. L. Moss (West), 26th June. Assent given.

Government Savings Bank Act, No. 9—

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Post Office Savings Bank, and for the change of the name. Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 5th July. Assent given.

Health Act Amendment Act, No. 26—

An Act to amend the Health Act 1898. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 11th December. Assent given.

Land Act Amendment Act, No. 29—

An Act to farther amend the Land Act 1898. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier and Minister for Lands, 7th August. Assent given.

Loan Act, No. 20—

An Act to authorise the raising of a sum of £2,467,000 by loan for the construction of certain Public Works and for other purposes. Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 13th November. Assent given.

Mines Regulation Act, No. 36—

An Act to provide for the Inspection and Regulation of Mines. Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Mines, 24th July. Assent given.

Municipal Corporations Act, No. 32—

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Municipalities. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 28th June. Assent given.

Municipal Institutions Amendment Act, No. 14—

An Act to amend the Municipal Institutions Act 1900 (width of a street at Fremantle). Introduced in Council by the Hon. M. L. Moss (West). Assent given.

Nelson Agricultural Society Land Act, No. 4—

An Act to authorise the Trustees of the Nelson Agricultural Society to sell Bridgetown Lots 29 and 30, and to apply the proceeds to the improvement of a certain Reserve. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 25th July. Assent given.

Permanent Reserves Acts (#)—

Fremantle Act, No. 3; to authorise the Sale of certain Lands vested in the Municipality of Fremantle. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 25th July. Assent given.

Kalgoorlie, Subiaco, and Greenmount Act, No. 19; to enable the purpose of certain Permanent Reserves to be changed. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 9th October. Assent given.

Subiaco and South Perth Act, No. 5; to enable the purpose of portion of a Permanent Reserve in the municipality of Subiaco, and portion of a Permanent Reserve in the municipality of South Perth, to be changed. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 10th July. Assent given.

Perth Railway Crossing Amendment Act, No. 34—

An Act to amend the Perth Railway Crossing Improvement Act 1892. Introduced by the Minister for Railways, 13th December. Assent given.

Prisons Amendment Act, No. 6—

An Act to amend the Prisons Act 1903. Introduced in Council by the Colonial Secretary, 21st June. Assent given.

Public Works Amendment Act, No. 8—

An Act to amend the Public Works Act 1902. Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Works, 24th July. Assent given.

Railways Acts (5)—

Coolgardie-Norseman Act, No. 21; to authorise the construction of a Railway from Coolgardie to Norseman. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 28th November; received in Council 7th December. Assent given.

Donnybrook-Preston Valley Act, No. 23; to authorise the construction of a Railway from Donnybrook via Preston Valley to Upper Blackwood. Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer (for the Premier), 28th November; received in Council, 7th December. Assent given.

Greenhills-Quairading Act, No. 24; to authorise the construction of a Railway from Greenhills to Quairading (York district). Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Works, 28th November; received in Council, 7th December. Assent given.

Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe Act, No. 22; to authorise the construction of a Railway from Hopetoun to Ravensthorpe. Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Works, 28th November; received in Council, 7th December. Assent given.

Jandakot-Armadale Act, No. 25; to authorise the construction of a Railway from Jandakot to Armadale. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier 13th September; received in Council, 7th December. Assent given.

Roads Closure Act, No. 27—

An Act for the closing of portions of certain Roads and Streets. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 13th November. Assent given.

Savings Bank (name changed, see "Government Savings Bank Act").

Second-hand Dealers Act, No. 10—

An Act to provide for the Licensing of second-hand Dealers, and to regulate the sale of Second-hand Articles. Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 28th June. Assent given.

Stamp Act Amendment Act, No. 7—

An Act to farther amend the Stamp Act 1882, and to amend the Stamp Act Amendment Act 1905. Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 28th June. Assent given.

Stock Diseases Amendment Act, No. 12—

An Act to amend the Stock Diseases Act 1895. Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 21st June. Assent given.

Supply Act, No. 1—

Introduced in Assembly, 28th June. Assent given.

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Constitution Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 8th September, a Bill mainly for reducing the household franchise from £25 to £15 annual value for electors of the Legislative Council; second reading moved in last week of Session, debate adjourned after the mover's speech.

Constitution Act Amendment Bill (No. 2)—

Introduced in Assembly by Mr. Hudson (Dundas), 21st November, a Bill to disqualify any member of the Commonwealth Parliament as a candidate for election to the State Parliament; after first reading, no progress.

Contractors and Workmen's Lien Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by Mr. Daglish (Subinco), 21st August; passed all stages. Received in Council 29th November; after debate on second reading, the order discharged in last week of Session.

District Fire Brigades Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 13th September; second reading debated, adjourned and not resumed.

Employment Brokers Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by Mr. A. J. Wilson (Forrest); passed all stages. Received in Council; second reading negatived on the voices.

Federation Referendum Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by Mr. Monger (York), 13th November, after resolution passed in both Houses affirming that this State should withdraw from the Commonwealth; Bill opposed on motion for leave to introduce, and on points of order; Bill introduced and read a first time; the second reading moved 15th November, Mr. Gull (Swan) speaking also in support; after adjournment, the debate not resumed, the Premier stating (as to providing facility) that time was not available for a question so contentious.

Fremantle Harbour Trust Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Council by the Colonial Secretary; second reading debated, and order discharged to avoid irregularity as to House of origin. Bill No. 2 introduced later in Assembly, and passed into law.

Government Railways Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Minister for Railways, 28th November; not proceeded with after first reading.

Health Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Council by the Colonial Secretary; second reading negatived on division, 11 to 9. Bill No. 2 introduced later in Assembly, and passed into law.

Jury Act Amendment Bill (majority verdict)—

Introduced in Council by the Hon. W. Kingsmill, 26th June; passed all stages. Received in Assembly 14th August; passed second reading, Clause 2 discussed in Committee at length (the Attorney General opposing a majority verdict in criminal cases); Bill not completed.

Land Tax Assessment Bill (machinery measure)—

Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 24th July; passed all stages. Received in Council 12th September; amended in Committee (by suggestions), chiefly for striking out exemptions, and returned to Assembly requesting concurrence in the suggestions; the Assembly requested a conference, and the request not being acceded to, the Assembly considered and resolved to make seven of the suggested amendments and not to make four others. Bill returned to the Council, and finally laid aside for six months, on the question of the four amendments relating to exemptions.

Land Tax Bill (to impose a tax)—

Introduced in Assembly (as a complement to the Assessment Bill) by the Treasurer; passed all stages. Lost in Council by discharge of order, the debate on second reading having been postponed and not completed when the Assessment Bill was laid aside.

Legal Practitioners Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 4th July; passed all stages. Received in Council and amended; returned to the Assembly, which finally dissented as to one amendment Bill dropped.

Money-Lenders Bill—

Introduced in Council by the Hon. M. L. Moss (West); passed all stages. Received in Assembly; second reading debated and adjourned (14th November); debate not concluded.

Perth Town Hall Bill (new site)—

Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 21st August; passed all stages. Received in Council, and returned with one suggested amendment; the Assembly dissenting, the Council returned the Bill a second time insisting on the suggested amendment. The Assembly again dissented; Bill dropped.

Pharmacy and Poisons Act Amendment Bill—

Introduced in Council by the Hon. M. L. Moss (West), 7th August; debate on second reading not completed, the order discharged.

Police Bill (consolidation and amendment)—

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 19th July; not proceeded with after first reading.

Police Offences Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Attorney General, 11th July; passed first and second readings, and referred to select committee; report presented with recommendations (30th October); Bill not proceeded with.

Racecourse Licensing Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Premier, 1st November; not proceeded with after first reading.

Sale of Government Property Bill—

Introduced in Assembly by the Treasurer, 12th September; not proceeded with after first reading.

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Introduced in Assembly by Mr. A. J. Wilson (Forrest), 18th July; read a second time; Bill not completed.

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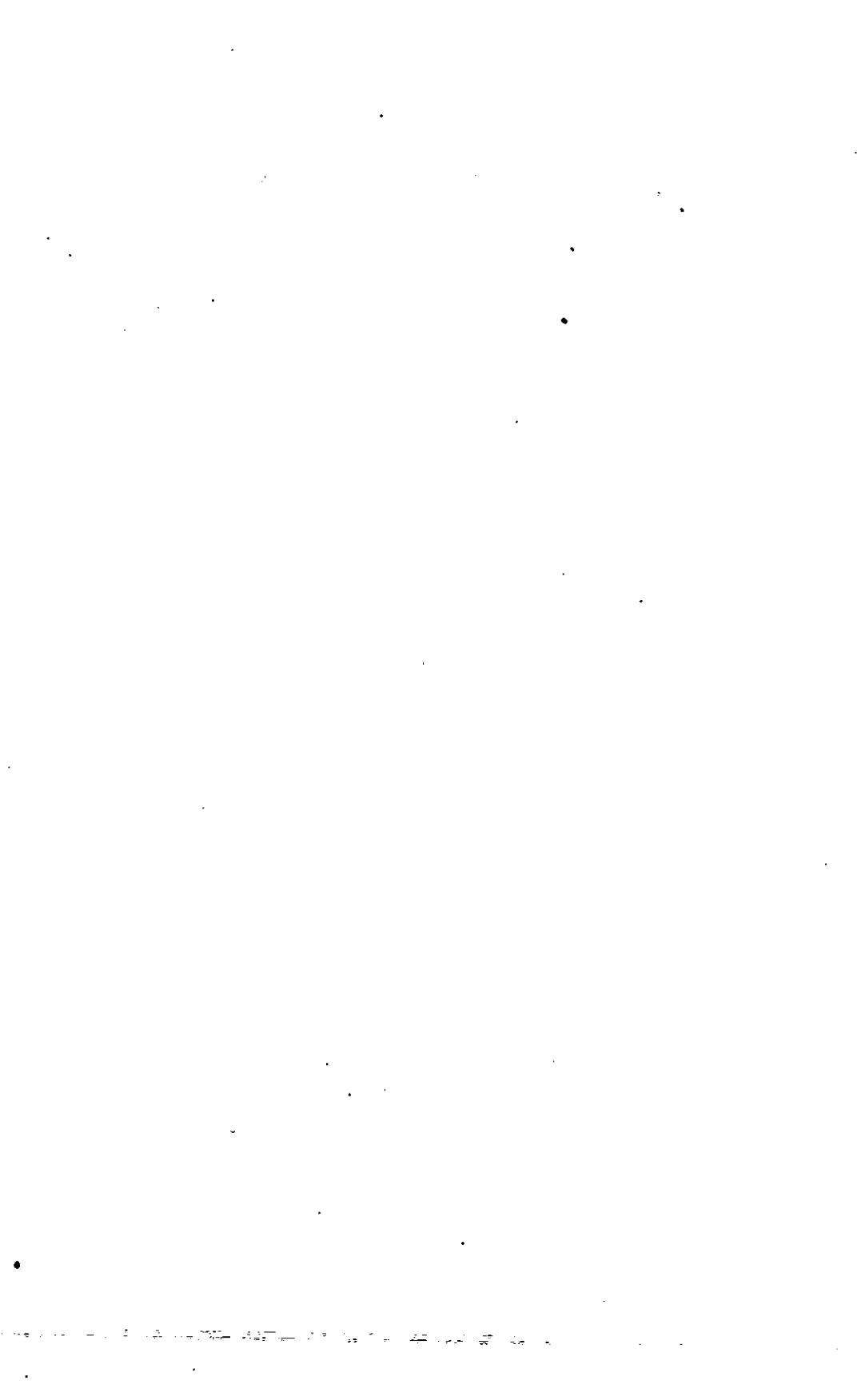
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