

clause," upon which a division was called for with the following result:—

Ayes	...	...	12
Noes	...	...	8

Majority for	...	4
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AYES.	NOES.
The Hon. A. O'G. Lefroy	Sir L. S. Leake
The Hon. M. Fraser	Mr. Brown
Mr. Glyde	Mr. Hamersley
Mr. Parker	Mr. Burges
Mr. Randell	Mr. Padbury
Mr. Marmion	Mr. Hardey
Mr. Gale	Mr. Burt
Mr. Monger	Mr. Steere (Teller.)
Mr. Shenton	
Mr. Pearse	
Mr. Crowther	
The Hon. H. H. Hocking	
(Teller.)	

The amendment was therefore negatived.

Clause 2—agreed to.

Clause 3.—“No indenture of apprenticeship shall be of any force or validity, unless infant a party to the same, and Resident Magistrate approves.”

MR. STEERE said he failed to see the necessity of insisting upon an infant assenting to be apprenticed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) said that according to the present state of the law no indenture of apprenticeship was valid unless the apprentice was a consenting party thereto.

MR. RANDELL deemed it desirable, in the interests of humanity, that such a provision should be retained in the Bill.

MR. STEERE moved, as an amendment, That all the words after “validity,” in the fourth line, and before the word “unless,” in the fifth line, be struck out. Amendment negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Bill reported.

#### THE EXTRADITION BILL, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1877.

##### THIRD READING.

The Extradition Bill, Western Australia, 1877, was read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at a quarter to eleven o'clock.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 25th July, 1877.

Reply to addresses presented to His Excellency the Governor—Lockup at Geraldton—District Roads Audit Bill, 1877: in committee—Third Readings.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

#### REPLY TO ADDRESSES PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) notified to the House that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to forward the following communication in reply to addresses embodying certain resolutions adopted by the Council:

“The Governor has received from Mr. Speaker the six resolutions adopted by your honorable House on the 18th, 20th, and 23rd inst. In compliance therewith the Governor will offer a bonus of £2000 for the construction of a Floating Dock at Fremantle, on the conditions suggested by the House. As regards the proposed bridge across the Margaret River, and the clearing of the road from Yatheroo to Dandaragan, provision will be made for these works from road funds at the disposal of the Government. The further improvement of the canal below and above Perth Bridge, and the sinking of wells to the East of York, will be provided for in the Estimates for 1878. On the subject of the improvement of the navigation of Swan River below the Bridge at North Fremantle, the Governor will take professional advice, and in the event of its being deemed advisable to proceed with the work, will be prepared, under the authority contained in the resolution of Your Honorable House, to expend such sum as may be necessary for the purpose.”

#### LOCK-UP AT GERALDTON.

MR. BROWN asked the Colonial Secretary “Whether the Government recognise the pressing necessity of taking steps to render the lock-up at Geraldton fit for the reception of prisoners; and whether it is intended to take such steps; and, if so, when.” The hon. member said his reason for bringing forward this

matter was, that for seven or eight years past, at least, to his own personal knowledge, various Governors and others in authority had admitted, after a personal inspection of the lock-up, that it was unfit for the reception of prisoners, and promises had been made by every Governor who had visited it that the existing state of things should be remedied by means of improved ventilation or increased accommodation. Often and often his constituents had asked him to bring the subject under the notice of the Government, but he had put it off session after session in the hope that the promises made to improve the buildings would be fulfilled. Nothing, however, had been done in the matter up to the present time, and he felt it to be his duty to bring the subject under the attention of the Government in the House.

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said it was quite true that the lock-up had been visited by the Governor a few months ago, and His Excellency had ordered that the ventilation of the cells should be improved by the introduction of the Tobin principle, which had been done. The Medical Officer at Geraldton had also been asked to report on the sanitary condition of the lock-up.

#### DISTRICT ROADS AUDIT BILL, 1877.

This Bill was passed through committee without amendment or discussion, and the third reading fixed for Friday, the 27th July.

#### THIRD READINGS.

The Pensions Bill, and The Imported Stock Act, 1876, Amendment Bill, 1877, were read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at eight o'clock.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Friday, 27th July, 1877.*

Line of telegraph between Geraldton and Northampton—First Readings—Fremantle and Guildford Railway—Ballot Bill, 1877: in committee—Message from His Excellency—Third Reading—Industrial Schools Act, 1874, Amendment Bill, 1877: re-committal.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at seven o'clock.

#### PRAYERS.

#### TELEGRAPH BETWEEN GERALDTON AND NORTHAMPTON.

In reply to MR. BROWN,

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. A. O'Grady Lefroy) said, as the embankments, cuttings, &c., on the Geraldton and Northampton Railway were now in such a forward state that the work of their completion would not endanger the telegraph between those two towns, it was the intention of the Government to proceed at once with the erection of the telegraph line.

#### FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were read a first time: Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, Amendment Bill, 1877.—Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Bill.—Dangerous Matches Act, 1876, Repeal Bill, 1877.

#### FREMANTLE AND GUILDFORD RAILWAY.

MR. STEERE moved that an humble address be presented to the Governor, asking him to direct the officer in charge of public works to report, for the information of the House, whether, if the Fremantle and Guildford Railway is constructed on the north side of the river, the central railway station could be brought nearer than Weld Square to the principal business quarter of the city of Perth; if so, what position he would recommend, and whether it would necessitate an increased cost. The hon. member supplemented his motion by moving that the same directions be given to the Director of Public Works with reference to the "alternative" route.

Motion agreed to.