

Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 1865.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All the Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 15.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Ordinances:

"An Ordinance to encourage the construction of a line of Telegraph connecting the Telegraphs of British Columbia with the Telegraph lines of Russia and the United States and other countries, and for other purposes."

"An Ordinance for the construction of a Toll Bridge across Thompson River, at Lytton."

*Government House,
22nd February, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 16.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the First Telegraph Ordinance, 1864."

*Government House,
22nd February, 1865.*

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Game Bill,
Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly, and *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Game Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the further committal of the Gold Fields Amendment Bill,

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, the Chairman reported some progress made with the Bill, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Pounds Bill,

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. the Treasurer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported no progress made with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock in the afternoon to-morrow.

Thursday, the 23rd day of February, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes absent on leave; all the other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary acquainted the Council that he would, on Thursday next the 2nd March, introduce the Estimates for the present year.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Bankruptcy Bill,
Ordered that the Gold Bill be first considered in Committee.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Gold Fields Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Thursday next, the 2nd March.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Bankruptcy Bill,

Ordered that the Council do now go into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted at some future day to be named.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the Bankruptcy Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to be named by the Presiding Member.

The following Members were appointed to form the said Committee: The Hons. the Attorney General, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Walkem.

On the Order of the day being read for the further consideration of the Pounds Bill,
The Hon. Mr. Cornwall asked leave to withdraw the said Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

On the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly moving the adjournment,

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the consideration of the Immigration Committee Report to be put on the Order Book for to-morrow.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended for that purpose.

The Council then adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Friday, the 24th day of February, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes absent on leave; all the other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott presented a petition from the Rev. Lundin Brown.

Ordered to be read. Read accordingly.

Ordered that the same be laid on the table.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Moberly moved the following Resolution:

That the Government be respectfully requested to appropriate a sum of money to be expended in opening some pack trails through the interior of the Colony, by such lines as may be most advantageous and practicable, to enable miners to prospect that section of the Country extending from the most northerly point of the Columbia River to the head waters of the North Thompson River, from Cariboo to the same point, and from thence via Tete Jaune Cache to the valley of Peace River.

After some discussion the Hon. mover asked leave to withdraw the motion.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on Immigration,

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the said Report be received and the Committee discharged.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the Council do now go into Committee of the whole to consider the Report.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Committee had resolved on the adoption of the said Report.

On the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that this Council recommend the adoption of the Resolution of the Committee, and that the Report be transmitted to the Governor.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Moberly, the Council adjourned till Thursday the 2nd March, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 2nd March, 1865.

The Council did not meet on this day, so the Council stood adjourned *sine die*.

Monday, the 6th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to the following Proclamation:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of this Colony stands adjourned without any time fixed for re-assembling, I, FREDERICK SEYMOUR, do, by virtue of the powers in me in that behalf vested, call upon the said Legislative Council to meet for the dispatch of business on Monday the 6th instant, at one o'clock, P.M.

By Command,
ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

Government House,
3rd March, 1865.

The Hon the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 17.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he proposes to assent, in Her Majesty's name, on the 15th day of March, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the unseasonable destruction of Game."

Government House,
25th February, 1865.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Moberly seconding,

That the Government be asked to lay before the Council a Bill to enable Spirits manufactured in the Colony to be exported in Bond, also to regulate the Excise Duty on such Spirits, and to permit them to be bonded for exportation or otherwise in the present bonded warehouses.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously, and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 2 motions.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Gold Fields Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with many amendments and additions.

Ordered that the said Bill be read third time this day week.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 18.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to establish a Decimal system of Accounts in the Colony of British Columbia," containing a clause reserving its operation until the Queen's pleasure be known. The Governor has now assented to it, in Her Majesty's name.

*Government House,
4th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 19.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

Owing to the imperfect nature of the information brought before the late Council, a grant was taken for the Hospital at Williams Creek so small as to be immediately absorbed in the incomplete liquidation of the then existing debt.

Assistance from the Government in excess of this grant has been found indispensable, but the Government would not, without the consent of the Legislative Council, undertake to pay the outstanding liabilities of the Board of Management.

The Governor recommends that, in addition to the amount placed in the Estimates for the Hospital in question, the following sums be likewise voted by the Council, so that the institution may commence with the spring in a more satisfactory condition. The Governor learns that exertions have been made on Williams Creek during the winter to raise funds for the support of the Hospital.

The sum due by the Williams Creek Hospital, to the 31st October inclusive, as shewn by Committee appointed to audit the accounts amounted to \$2,200

Expenditure for the months of November and December,	
as returned by Mr. Cox	\$420
Assumed Expenditure for January	210
Do. Do. February	210
Total amount due to 28th February, 1865	\$3,040

or, £626 16s. 1d.

*Government House,
6th March, 1865.*

The Estimates were then introduced, according to Order.

On the motion of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Tuesday the 7th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all the other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook presented a petition from certain inhabitants of New Westminster.

Ordered that the same be received.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 3 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Moberly gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Brew gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved, the Hon. Mr. Moberly seconding,

That owing to the decided progress that has taken place in the Colony, and to the increased responsibilities that have therefore devolved on the head of the Executive, be it resolved by this Council that the Salary of the Governor be increased £1,000, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to send down an Ordinance to enable us to pass this amount and place the same on the Estimates.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously, and *Resolved* accordingly.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved that this Council do now adjourn till 3 o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

The Hon. the Treasurer moved in amendment that this Council do adjourn till 1 o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

On the amendment being put the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 4.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative and Ordered accordingly.

Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; All other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Moberly gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of 2 motions.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of 2 motions.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to bring in a Bill for placing a tax on unoccupied lands.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 4, Noes 8.

So it passed in the negative, and was Ordered accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to withdraw the motion standing on the Order Book for the day.

Ordered that leave be granted.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported that the Committee had *Resolved* on voting a Supply of £225,946 12s. 8d., and handed in several Resolutions for the consideration of the Council.

It was then *Resolved* That the Council be recommended to grant a supply of £225,946 12s. 8d. for the year 1865.

The following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were adopted by the Council:

Resolved That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency asking that provision be made for the following Expenditure by a Supplementary Estimate, the same having been recommended by the Committee of Supply, and such recommendation having been adopted in Council.

Road from Cottonwood to Williams Creek,	£10,000	in addition,
Cariboo Hospital	500	„
Kootenay Hospital	500	„
Government Buildings, Yale	200	„
Department of Governor.		
Messenger, Salary	20	„
Department of Colonial Secretary.		
3rd Clerk, Salary	50	„
Messenger „	20	„
Department of Treasurer.		
2nd Clerk, Salary	50	„
3rd Clerk, „	50	„
4th Clerk, „	30	„
Department of Lands and Works.		
Messenger, Salary	20	„
Postmaster General's Department.		
Postmaster General, Salary	100	„
New Westminster Jail.		
Medical attendant, Salary	100	„
Customs Department.		
2nd Clerk, Salary	50	„
Revenue Officer	50	„
Legislative Council.		
Messenger	20	„
Magistrate, Lytton, Allowance	50	„
„ Lillooet, „	50	„
„ Osoyoos „	100	„

Resolved That His Excellency be respectfully requested to allow the Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court to receive the full Salary, namely £400, during the time he holds the Office.

Resolved That it is recommended to His Excellency that the Constables be paid at Kootenay at the same rate as those at Cariboo.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till Friday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 10th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Hamley, Brew, Elliott, Homer, Holbrook, and Walkem absent on leave; Hon. Mr. Haynes absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No 20.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council an abstract of the tenders which have been received for the conveyance of the Mails in the interior.

The Governor considers all the tenders high, and suggests that a Committee of the Honourable Council should be appointed to consider the whole question of inland postal communication, and the rates of postage. He thinks sixpence a letter from New Westminster to Barkerville too low when the inhabitants of Richfield and Camerontown willingly pay an extra shilling for its conveyance to their local Post Offices.

The Governor suggests for the consideration of the Council whether the mails might not be carried as cheaply and more expeditiously in light mail carts by the Government.

*Government House,
10th March, 1865.*

In accordance with the above message, the Hon. the Presiding Member named the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Cornwall, Walkem, and Moberly to form a Select Committee to examine into and report on, at an early date, Postal matters generally.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall gave notice of motion.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till Monday the 13th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 13th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hons. Messrs. Brew and Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General introduced the Harbour Dues Bill.

Ordered to be read the first time later in the day.

The Hon. Mr. Elliott gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Elliott asked leave to bring in Indian Liquor Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and that the Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly, and Ordered to be read the 2nd time on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Gold Fields Amendment Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Read the third time accordingly, and *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Gold Mining Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall brought before the notice of the Council the services of Donald McLean, who fell during the Indian outbreak of the past year, with a view to some provision being made by the Colony for his widow and children, and moved the following Resolution:

That this Council being fully impressed with the important services rendered on several occasions by the late Donald McLean, who fell while in the service of his Country, would respectfully ask his Excellency to make such provision for the widow and children of the deceased as he may think fitting.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously, and *Resolved* accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 21.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that on account of the inclemency of the weather he purposes to defer assenting, until the first of April, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the unreasonable destruction of Game."

*Government House,
13th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 22.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thousand nine hundred and forty-six pounds, twelve shillings, and eight pence sterling, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

*Government House,
13th March, 1865.*

Ordered that the said Bill be read the first time presently.

The Hon. the Attorney General asked leave to introduce a Bill for regulating the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Ordered that leave be granted and that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the same be read the second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. the Attorney General introduced Harbour Regulation Bill, Municipalities Bill, Excise Amendment Bill, Harbour Dues Amendment Bill.

Ordered that the said Bills be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that they be read second time as follows:—Harbour Regulation Bill on Friday next, Municipalities Bill to-morrow, Excise Amendment Bill to-morrow, Harbour Dues Amendment Bill at once.

The last named Bill was read the second time accordingly, and Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Bill of Supply was read the first time.

Ordered that the same be read the second time and committed forthwith.

Read second time accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. O'Reilly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendments.

Ordered that the same be read the third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Brew and Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook presented a petition from numerous merchants, traders, and miners of the Colony, praying the Council to take some decided steps to express their opinion against Union with the neighbouring Colony of Vancouver Island.

Ordered that the same be received and laid on the table.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered that the said petition be considered on Monday next, the 20th instant.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook's motion standing next on such order.

Ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved the following Resolution, the Hon. Mr. Cornwall seconding,

Resolved That His Excellency be respectfully requested to impress on Her Majesty's Government the hardship of compelling this Colony to pay the sum of £10,760 16s. 7d. for the erection of the buildings at the Camp, lately occupied by the Royal Engineers, as the same should be strictly an Imperial charge, and this Council respectfully but strongly urges upon His Excellency's attention the great injustice of compelling this Colony to pay the charge about to be imposed, as the buildings referred to are positively useless to the Colony. This Resolution, the Council would respectfully inform His Excellency, is in a short form, the embodiment of numerous public petitions, which would flow in to the same effect were it not generally believed that the present Resolution would be passed and acted upon. One petition from the inhabitants of New Westminster accompanies this Resolution.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously, and *Resolved* accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Municipalities Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with trifling amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Excise Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill,

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported no progress made with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Harbour Dues Amendment Bill was read the third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Harbour Dues Amendment Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Bill of Supply was read the third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thousand nine hundred and forty-six pounds, twelve shillings, and eight pence, sterling, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five."

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer the Council adjourned till Friday the 17th instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, the 17th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 23.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor will forward to the Secretary of State, with an expression of his own opinion in concurrence with the Resolution of the Legislative Council requesting to be relieved from the payment, to the Imperial Treasury, of the amount claimed for the buildings at the Engineers' Camp.

*Government House,
16th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 24

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply the sum of Two hundred and twenty-five thousand, nine hundred and forty-six pounds, twelve shillings, and eight pence sterling, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five."

*Government House,
17th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 25.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received, with much satisfaction, the Resolution of the Legislative Council requesting that he would make some provision for the widow and children of the late Donald McLean, who fell in the service of his Country.

The last words uttered by Donald McLean to the Governor conveyed the assurance that no danger or difficulty would deter him from using his utmost efforts

to secure the objects the Expeditions sent into the Chillicoten Country had in view, an assurance but too well fulfilled.

To meet the wishes of the Legislative Council, the Governor proposes to give Mrs. McLean a pension at the rate of One hundred pounds a year, for the term of five years.

*Government House,
17th March, 1865.*

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Elliott asked leave to bring in the Supreme Court Fees Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read the first time.
Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Indian Liquor Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the same be committed on Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew,

Ordered that the second reading of this Bill be postponed until the Marriages Bill be printed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Land Bill was read first time.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday the 23rd inst.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Marriages Bill was read first time.

Ordered that the said Bill be read second time on Tuesday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Municipalities Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Borough Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Excise Bill,

The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that this Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A further Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

Message No. 26.

The Governor has received the Resolutions of the Legislative Council, dated respectively the 7th and 8th instant. The first proposing to increase the salary attached to the office of Governor; the second recommending that certain sums should be inserted in the Supplementary Estimates, as augmentations to grants for Public Works and increase of stipends of Public Officers.

The Governor will give his earnest consideration to these expressions of the wishes of the Council.

Experience has shewn it to be undesirable that Executive Officers should be under obligation to a Legislative Body for emoluments not specially recommended in the first instance by the Crown or its representative. When the people of this Colony shall be invited to take a more direct part in the administration of its affairs, the principle will probably be laid down that no such grants can originate with the popular branch of the Legislature.

At present the Governor is willing to believe that the supposed claims to additions of pay appeared to the Council to have been overlooked by the Governor, and were voted entirely without the solicitation of the Public Servants in whose favour they were made. He will, therefore, carefully consider whether the Officers in question may, from a Government point of view, be deemed entitled to the increased emoluments. Should he be induced to regard their claims favourably he will avail himself of the authority granted by the Council.

Acting on the principle he has just enunciated, the Governor must decline to receive any addition to his salary without the approval of his own Superior Officer. He will forward to Her Majesty's Secretary of State the Resolution of the 7th March, together with an exposition of the financial condition and prospects of the Colony, before he can allow himself to profit by the generous intentions of the Legislative Council.

*Government House,
17th March, 1865.*

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Harbour Regulations Bill,

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time, and committed at once. Read second time accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the said Bill. The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read third time on Tuesday next.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem,

Ordered that the standing Orders be suspended in order to allow him to place a notice on the Order Book for Monday.

Notice of motion given accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Monday the 20th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 20th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 27.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majestys name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Dues leviable at the Port of New Westminster."

*Government House,
18th March, 1865.*

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the petition against Union with Vancouver Island,

The Hon. Mr. Moberly moved, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary seconding, That the consideration of this petition be deferred until Thursday week, the 30th instant.

On the question being put it was carried unanimously and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in Imprisonment for Debt Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read the second time on Wednesday next.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Supreme Court Fees Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Elliott moved that the Bill be now read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee.

On the question being put a debate arose and the Council divided.

Ayes 8, Noes 3,

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative and Ordered that the Hon. Messrs. Brew, Walkem, Ball, O'Reilly, and Elliott do form the said Committee.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Excise Bill was read the third time, and it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Distillers' Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in Vice-Admiralty Practice Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted, and that the said Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered to be read second time on Friday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Ball, the Council adjourned till Tuesday the 21st instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

At a quarter past 3 o'clock, there being no quorum present, the Hon. the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, without a question first put.

Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 28.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the formation and regulation of Municipalities in British Columbia."

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 29

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Excise Act 1861."

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 30.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The inclemency of the weather having probably detained within the Colony a considerable quantity of gold, raised previous to the knowledge of the miner of the intention of the Legislature to impose an export duty on gold, the Governor recommends that the following alterations may be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for imposing a duty on Gold":

That the word "first," standing the fifth in the second clause, be struck out, and the word "fifteenth" be inserted in its place.

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

Ordered that the Council consider His Excellency's Message in Committee presently.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Harbour Regulation Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Harbour Regulation Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Indian Liquor Bill,

The Council resolved into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Vice Admiralty Practice Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider His Excellency's Message No. 30.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported no progress made but asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Friday.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, the Council adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday next.

Friday, the 24th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. the Attorney General, and the Hon. Messrs. Brew, Homer, and Cornwall absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Imprisonment for Debt Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed on Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Indian Liquor Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Indian Liquor Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Vice Admiralty Court Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that the said Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Vice Admiralty Court Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration, in Committee, of His Excellency's message No. 30,

And on the question being put That I do leave the chair,

The Hon. Mr. Walkem moved as amendment that all words be struck out after the word "That," and that the following be substituted:

His Excellency be respectfully requested to reconsider his Message No. 30, to this Council, suggesting a change of date in the Gold Export Duty Ordinance, from the 1st to the 15th of April, as it is respectfully submitted by the Council that any change from the date named in the Ordinance may act inimically to the interests of the Colony, from the fact that ample notice has been afforded by the Ordinance in question to all persons affected by it, and again because the Miners on the Lower Fraser, who are principally Chinese, are the only parties likely to be benefitted by the change proposed.

On the amendment being put it was carried *nem. con.*, and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its sitting, the following Message from His Excellency the Governor was read:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

Message No. 31.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Petition signed in Victoria by 321 persons, against the Customs Act of this Session. He adds a copy of the reply which he has made to the Petitioners.⁵

*Government House,
24th March, 1865.*

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Monday, the 27th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer and the Hon. Mr. Cornwall absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. vi-ix.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 32.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for imposing a duty on Gold."

*Government House,
25th March, 1865.*

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice that he would, to-morrow, introduce the following Bills:—Tolls and Duties Exemption Bill; Indian Graves Bill.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Marriages Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill,

A debate arose.

On the question being put the Council divided.

Ayes 5, Noes 6.

So it passed in the negative, and was Ordered accordingly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 33.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor lays before the Legislative Council a petition, addressed to the Governor in Council by Mr. Alfred Waddington, of Victoria, praying that he may be allowed to surrender his charter for the making of a Road from Bute Inlet to the Fraser, and be re-imbursed the outlay which he has incurred upon the undertaking.

The Governor, in the Executive Council, deeply as he regretted the loss which Mr. Waddington has sustained, or believes himself to have sustained, by the interruption of his operations, was unable to see that that gentleman had any claim upon the Government. But the Governor is willing, before finally disposing of the petition, to lay it as requested before the Legislative Council.

Mr. Waddington relies, as against the Colony in his claim for compensation, that no protection was furnished to his road party, in return for the customs duties he paid. He, however, never asked for protection, and did not even inform the Government last year of the arrival of his road party at Bute Inlet. Had he apprehended danger he had but to arm his men, and forbid their bartering their arms and ammunition to the Indians. The Governor cannot see how Mr. Waddington could have expected protection to be extended over his party without solicitation, and thinks he would scarcely have approved of the interference by the Government between the Indians and his men. The commonest precautions would have saved the lives of the party who were massacred at Bute Inlet. But no Government can undertake to anticipate and prevent the commission of crimes in all places.

Murder may be committed in any public or private place, and society provides chiefly for the security of its members by hunting out and punishing the murderer, and thus deterring others from crime. Every effort has been made by the Government of this Colony to bring the murderers of the road party to justice.

The whole correspondence with Mr. Waddington will be produced by the Colonial Secretary should the Legislative Council desire it.

*Government House,
27th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 34.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor recommends that the following amendments be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Gold Mining Laws:"

In clause 60, line 3, that the words "£5 for each half" be omitted, and the words "£2 10s. for each quarter" be substituted.

In clause 99, line 2, that the word "five" be substituted for "ten."

In clause 109, in line 7, after the word "enhanced" that the rest of the clause be omitted.

In clause 120, line 6, that the words "but not exceeding £500 sterling" be omitted.

In clause 146, line 4, that the word "simple" be omitted.

*Government House,
27th March, 1865.*

On the motion of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said proposed amendments.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the amendments agreed to without alteration.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,
Resolved, That His Excellency be respectfully acquainted that the amendments proposed by him to the Gold Mining Bill had been agreed to without any alteration.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Imprisonment for Debt Bill,

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. the Treasurer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for Report; such Committee to be named by the Hon. the Presiding Member.

The following Members were appointed a Select Committee, accordingly:—
The Hon. the Attorney General, the Hon. Messrs. Brew, Ball, Elliott, and Walkem.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Treasurer, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Tuesday, the 28th March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Homer and Cornwall absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 35.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Gold Mining Laws."

*Government House,
28th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 36.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

In accordance, the Governor is led to believe, with the wishes of the Legislative Council, he has issued a Proclamation, copy of which he encloses, granting to the informer one moiety of the amount of the seizures made under "The Gold Export Ordinance, 1865."⁶

*Government House,
28th March, 1865.*

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook gave notice of motion.

The Hon. Mr. Brew from the Select Committee appointed to report on the Supreme Court Fees Bill, brought up and read a Report.⁷

Ordered that the same be adopted, and that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Council on Thursday next.

The Hon. the Attorney General brought in the Tolls Exemption Bill.

Ordered to be read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

The Hon. the Attorney General brought in, according to Order, the Indian Graves Bill.

Ordered that the Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

⁶ *Ibid.*, pp. ix-x.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. x.

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Marriages Bill,
 The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.
 The Presiding Member left the Chair.
 The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.
 The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.
 The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
 Ordered that leave be granted to-morrow.

Then on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.
 The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Homer and Cornwall absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 37.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received from the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Vice Admiralty Court of British Columbia."

The Governor is unable to assent to this Bill, inasmuch as the powers sought to be bestowed therein upon the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court in this Colony have been reserved in the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the 26th of Victoria, chapter 24, to Her Majesty in Council.

*Government House,
 29th March, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 38.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of the Harbours of British Columbia."

*Government House,
 29th March, 1865.*

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered that the consideration of the Petition against Union with Vancouver Island, standing on the Order of the day for to-morrow be placed on the Order of the day for to-morrow week.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem's motion for leave to bring in Suits and Actions Limitations Bill dropped.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to postpone his motion for the discussion of Mr. Waddington's Petition.

Ordered that leave be granted to postpone the same till Friday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Tolls Exemption Bill,

Ordered that the same be read the second time.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Indian Graves Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the same be read the third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into Committee for the further consideration of the Marriages Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Tolls Exemption Bill to be committed.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Homer and Cornwall absent on leave; the Hon. Mr. Walkem absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

Message No. 39.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the sale or gift of Intoxicating Liquor to Indians."

Government House,

30th March, 1865.

The Hon. the Attorney General handed in a Report from the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bankruptcy Bill.⁸

The Report having been read, Ordered that the said Report be adopted.

On the Order of the day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Supreme Court Fees Bill,

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Moberly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Indian Graves Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Indian Graves Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Tolls Exemption Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Tolls Exemption Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Marriages Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for Monday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Brew, the Council adjourned till Monday next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. x.

Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; the Hon. Mr. Walkem absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 40.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to prohibit the unseasonable destruction of Game."

*Government House,
1st April, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 41.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to Bills entitled respectively "An Ordinance to prevent the violation of Indian Graves," "An Ordinance to exempt certain articles from Road and Ferry Tolls, and for other purposes."

*Government House,
3rd April, 1865.*

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Supreme Court Fees Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Moberly in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the further consideration, in Committee, of the Marriages Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed presently, and that the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook, standing next on the Order of the day, be considered at once.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider Mr. Waddington's Petition, sent down to the Council in His Excellency's Message No. 33.

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved in amendment, the Hon. Mr. Ball seconding,

That this House, while it deeply regrets the great loss sustained by Mr. Waddington owing to the failure of his speculation, is not of opinion that his case calls for alleviation or compensation at the public expense.

On the amendment being put it was carried *nemine contradicente* and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Hon. the Attorney-General rose to speak to a question of privilege in reference to his absence from the Council this day.

Ordered that the fine imposed on the Attorney General be remitted.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Marriages Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Haynes in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Land Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed on Thursday next.

The Council, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bankruptcy Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Moberly, the Council adjourned till to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; the Hon. Mr. Walkem absent without leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. the Attorney General gave notice of motion.

According to Order, the Marriages Bill was read the third time, and it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Marriages Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Supreme Court Fees Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and its title be the "Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1865."

The Hon. the Attorney General from the Select Committee, handed in a Report on the Imprisonment for Debt Bill, which having been read, it was Ordered that the same be adopted.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Bankruptcy Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with certain amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday next.

Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1865.

The Council met at 1 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem rose to speak to a question of privilege, in regard to his having been absent from the Council for the last three sittings, without leave granted.

Ordered that the fines imposed on the Hon. Mr. Walkem be remitted.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem gave notice of motion.

On the Order of the day being read for the introduction of the Ports of Entry Bill, by the Hon. the Attorney General,

Ordered that the Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read for the introduction of the Salaries Extension Bill,

Ordered to be read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

Ordered that the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Bankruptcy Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Council resolved into a Committee of the whole on the Imprisonment for Debt Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. the Treasurer in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the same be read the third time to-morrow.

On the Order being read for the committal of the Land Bill,

The Hon. Mr. Cornwall moved that the same do stand as an Order of the day for to-morrow.

On the question being put it was carried *nem. con.*, and Ordered accordingly.

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Petition against Union with Vancouver Island,

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved that the same do stand as an Order of the day for Monday next.

On the question being put it was carried *nem. con.*, and Ordered accordingly.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Friday, the 7th day of April, 1865.

Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

According to Order, the Hon. Mr. Walkem moved for leave to bring in Suits and Actions Bill.

Ordered that leave be granted and that the Bill be now read the first time.

Read the first time accordingly,

Ordered to be read the 2nd time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Port of Entry Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the same be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Crown Officers' Salaries Extension Bill was read the second time.

Ordered that the said Bill be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Imprisonment for Debt Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Imprisonment Exemption Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Land Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that leave be granted for to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Walkem, the Council adjourned till 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Saturday, the 8th day of April, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All the Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Ports of Entry Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Port of Entry Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Crown Officers' Salaries Extension Bill was read the third time,

And it was *Resolved* that the said Bill do pass, and that its title be the "The Crown Officers' Salaries Extension Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Suits and Actions Limitation Bill,

Ordered that the same be read the second time presently.

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee for the further consideration of the Land Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

According to Order, the Suits and Actions Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed on Monday next.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Elliott, the Council adjourned till Monday the 10th instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, the 10th day of April, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All the Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 42.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency in British Columbia."

*Government House,
10th April, 1865.*

On the Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Land Bill,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Cornwall,

Ordered that the said Bill be re-committed.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered to be read third time forthwith.

Read third time accordingly, and *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Land Ordinance, 1865."

According to Order, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Suits and Actions Limitations Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with trifling amendments.

Ordered to be read the third time forthwith.

Read third time accordingly.

And *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The Limitation of Foreign Actions Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the consideration of the Petition against Union with Vancouver Island,

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered that the same be considered at the end of the present year.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. the Attorney General,

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow him to introduce the Telegraph Extension Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be now read the first time.

Ordered to be read the second time to-morrow.

Then, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. O'Reilly, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Tuesday, the 11th April, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

All the Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 43.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Bills:

(1) "An Ordinance for regulating the amount and application of the Fees to be taken in the Supreme Court of Civil Justice from suitors therein;"

(2) "An Ordinance to facilitate the creation of Ports of Entry in British Columbia;"

(3) "An Ordinance respecting Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt;"

(4) "An Ordinance respecting the Salary of the Office of Governor;"

(5) "An Ordinance respecting Marriages in British Columbia."

*Government House,
11th April, 1865.*

A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

Message No. 44.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for regulating the acquisition of Land in British Columbia."

*Government House,
11th April, 1865.*

The Hon. Mr. Elliott rose to apologize to the House for some expressions which fell from him during yesterday's debate on the petition against Union with Vancouver Island.

Ordered that the Hon. Member's apology be received.

According to Order, the International Telegraph Extension Bill was read the second time.

Ordered to be committed at once.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Ball in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the Standing Orders be suspended, in order to allow this Bill to be read the third time to-day.

Standing Orders suspended, and the Bill read third time accordingly.

And *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and its title be "The International Telegraph Extension Ordinance, 1865."

The Hon. Mr. Homer moved that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow him to bring in a motion for present discussion.

Ordered accordingly.

On the question being put, it was carried *nem. con.*, and *Resolved*

That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to offer such rewards as he may deem necessary, with a view of encouraging the development of the resources of the Colony, and the discovery of precious metals.

The Council then adjourned during pleasure.

On the Council resuming its Session, His Excellency the Governor was announced and, being entered within the Council Chamber, took the President's Chair.

His Excellency notified that he assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to facilitate the construction of the Over-land Telegraph."

His Excellency then made the following Speech proroguing the Council:

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

It is with much satisfaction that I find myself able to relieve you to day from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

The community is much indebted to you for the zeal and assiduity you have displayed during this important Session. As the general principles of the most im-

portant Ordinances have been adopted unanimously, I allow myself to look with much confidence upon their probably beneficial influence on the public welfare.

The period of the year which relieves us from our duties as Legislators, is that upon which the most important of the works committed to the hands of the Executive must commence.

Steps have already been taken to improve our communications with Cariboo, and I am not without hope that, before the end of the year, the waggon loaded at New Westminster will have no cause to discharge till it reaches the banks of Williams Creek. Strenuous efforts are being made to secure an easy access to the Gold Fields of the Kootenay and Columbia, and it is not improbable that steam vessels will shortly run upon the intervening lakes and the last named river.

The Electric Telegraph will, ere long, connect one at least of our principal mining districts with the capital of the Colony, and through it with the larger part of the civilized globe.

A prospecting party, ably commanded, will in a few days proceed to explore the districts lying between the richest of the gold mines.

Questions of local improvement, and the promotion of Education among the younger members of the community, will engage my attention before I visit the mining and agricultural districts.

You, honourable gentlemen, will soon be widely dispersed over this extensive territory, and will carry with you a knowledge of the motives which have actuated the Legislature in passing the measures by which this Session will be principally distinguished.

I thank you for the candid, patient, and independent consideration which you have bestowed on all matters which have been laid before you.

I now proceed to close this Session. I therefore prorogue this Legislative Council, and the same is hereby prorogued accordingly.
