
Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Crease, Coles, Cooper, Foster, Franklin, McDonald, Waddington, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee of the whole on "Standing Orders on Private Bills."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Standing Orders on Private Bills referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House adjourned until Wednesday the 23 inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Crease, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Foster asked leave to postpone the Motion of which he had given previous notice.

Ordered That it be postponed.

The House again went into Committee of the whole on Standing Orders on Private Bills.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress & with the following amendments thereto.

Clause 5 after the words "have no"—"pecuniary" be inserted.

Clause 8 after the words "situated within" the word "one" be inserted instead of "three."

Clause 9 be entirely struck out.

Clause 13 in the "original" be adopted, it having been previously struck out.

Clause 15 the word "(2nd second)" instead of "(1st first)" before the word "reading" be inserted, & after the words "Speaker" & "shall" to be inserted "by him" & after the word "Committee" the following words to be inserted—"which shall again sit on the bill."

Clause 17 the word "opposed" to be inserted before the word "Bill."

Clause 18 The word "seven" instead of "three" clear days to be inserted, and instead of "final reading," the words, "third reading" be inserted.

Clause 20 ordered to be struck out.

Additional Clause 21 All Private Bills shall be printed immediately after the first reading (if not done before) & the Promoters of the Bill shall cause the printed copies to be laid before the Committee within 48 hours after the first reading, provided that Sundays or holidays do not intervene, & shall supply at least 50 copies for the use of the House.

Additional Clause 22 The Committee may order the promoters of any Bill to reprint the bill at their own expense when commanded.

Ordered That the Report to accepted with the amendments.

House adjourned until Friday 25th inst. at 3 o'Clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

On reading these minutes the report was found incorrect in that the following words of the fifth order had been struck out in Committee of which no notice had been taken in the above report.

After word "examination" the following words to be struck out "and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the evidence relating thereto."

J. S. Helmcken

Friday, the 25th day of May, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Crease, Tolmie, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, McDonald, Green.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington, by leave presented a Petition from Charles Simonds praying that he be allowed to practise his profession of Barrister and Attorney.

Ordered That the said Petition be received & lie on the Table and to be referred to the Select Committee on the Legal Bill.

On Motion of Mr. Gordon.

Ordered That the Election Committee do adjourn until Monday the 4th June.

2nd Reading of "The Currency Bill."

3rd Reading of "Bill to provide for the administration of oaths in the House of Assembly."

Mr. Franklin brought forward as an Amendment (see order book page 14) to the Oaths Bill.

The amendment was put & lost.

Bill read 3rd time & ordered to be engrossed.

House in Committee on "Bill for improvement in the breed of live stock."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

Mr. Crease gave notice of Motion (see order book page 14).¹¹

The House then adjourned until Monday 28th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 28th day of May, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday the 4th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 4th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Foster, Green, Crease, McDonald, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion.¹²

Mr. Waddington presented a Petition from Licensed Victuallers of the Town of Victoria.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Cooper gave notice of Motion.¹³

Mr. Crease Introduced "Bill for the regulation of the Medical profession."

Ordered to be read 1st time.

¹¹ Motion book, p. 14: "To bring in a Bill for the Regulation of The Medical Profession."

¹² Motion book, p. 14: "That I will on Thursday next the 7 inst. introduce 'A Bill for the protection of the Members of the Fire Companies of Victoria' [and] 'A Bill for rendering the administration of Justice in minor Criminal cases more certain and speedy.'"

¹³ Motion book, p. 15: "I give notice that I shall ask this House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the best means of dealing with the Indian question of Friday next."

On Motion of Mr. Crease.

Ordered That the Election Committee do adjourn until Monday next the 11th June.

Mr. Southgate brought up the Report of the Select Committee on Printing.

Ordered to be referred to the Standing Order Committee.

House in Committee on "Bill for the improvement of Breed of Live Stock."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 5th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 5th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Coles, Cary, Foster, Green, Franklin, Tolmie, Waddington, Cooper, McDonald, Southgate, Crease.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Coles presented Petition from Wm. Steinberger & Christian Ochsner—Brewers.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Coles gave notice of Motion to introduce a Bill relating to licenses for the sale of Malt liquor.

The House then went into Committee on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Wednesday 6th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 6th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Crease, Cooper, Waddington, Southgate, Cary, McDonald, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Joint Stock Companies Act.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

On Motion The House went into Committee of the whole on "Bill for improvement of Breed of Live Stock."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under consideration, had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 7th June 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 7th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Tolmie, Franklin, Waddington, Cooper, Crease, Green, Gordon, Foster, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Ordered That Motions, relating to Finance be seconded in "Committee of the whole" before becoming open for debate.

Carried.

Ayes 7. Noes 2.

The House again went into Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the "Supplies" referred to them had made an amendment in Estimate No. 1, & then agreed to the same, "That His Excellency the Governor's salary per annum be £800 in lieu of £1200," and that Mr. Helmcken had moved that the following resolution should be attached to the preceeding vote "That the Civil List

contained in Estimate No. 1 as amended in Committee be payable from the time when the Crown Lands and the entire revenue of the Colony are placed under the Legislature of this Colony” and asked leave to sit again to enter upon the discussion of the Resolution.

Ordered That the Report be accepted as amended and leave granted to sit again.

The House again went into Committee of the whole on the resolution of Mr. Helmcken.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

The resolution was then brought forward.

Seconded by Mr. Foster and after much discussion carried unanimously.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Cary moved for leave to bring in a Bill intituled “A Bill for the protection of Members of Fire Companies of Victoria.”

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

The House then adjourned until Friday the 8th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 8th day of June, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Monday 11th June at 3 p. m.

J. S. Helmcken

Monday, the 11th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Franklin, Green, Crease, Foster, Tolmie, Cooper, Southgate, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Mr. Cooper motion on the Indian question.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having Mr. Coopers motion on the Indian question referred to them under consideration, had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then again went into Committee on Bill for the improvement of breed of Live Stock.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Ordered That the Committee of the whole on the Bill to extend the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Acts be postponed until Wednesday the 20th June.¹⁴

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 12th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Crease, Franklin, Tolmie, Waddington, Coles, Cooper, Cary, Southgate, McDonald, Green.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Supply—Estimate No. 2.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Waddington gave notice of Motion.¹⁵

The House then adjourned until Wednesday 13th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

¹⁴ The original minute book was corrected to read June 13th, but according to the minutes the matter was not raised again until June 15th, only to be deferred for lack of a quorum, until June 18th.

¹⁵ Motion book, p. 15: "I give notice that I shall ask for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the whole to consider the necessity of amending the liquor License Law, said Committee to take place on the [blank]." See minutes for 22 June 1860 below.

Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Foster, Crease, Green, Coles, Waddington, Franklin, Southgate, Gordon.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Foster gave notice of Motion.¹⁶

Read 2nd time—Bill to regulate the Medical Profession.

On Motion of Mr. Gordon.

Ordered That the Election Committee do adjourn until Tuesday 19th June.

Read 2nd time—Bill for the protection of Members of Fire Companies of Victoria.

The House then went into Committee on the Currency Bill.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 14th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 14th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Crease, Foster, Gordon, Green, Franklin, Tolmie, Waddington, Coles, Cooper, McDonald, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Supply—Estimate No. 2.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

¹⁶ Motion book, p. 16: "I shall move on Monday next for a respectful address to His Excellency the Governor praying that the official proceedings of the Council (or upper house) of this Colony be conducted with the same publicity as attends the sittings of the Legislative Assembly of this Colony."

Mr. Crease called Mr. Speakers attention to a Breach of Privilege that had been committed by a Newspaper published in this Colony, having inserted a copy of a Bill at present pending in this Honorable House, such being against the usage of the Parliamentary practice of the House of Commons of England.

Ordered to be placed first on the Orders of the Day at the next sitting.

The House then adjourned until Friday 15th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 15th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Waddington, Crease, Cooper, Cary.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

On Motion of Mr. Crease seconded by Mr. Cary, Ordered That a Committee of Privileges be appointed to investigate and report on the printing of the Fire Companies Bill in the British Colonist of 14th June 1860.

Committee: Messrs. Crease, Cary, Waddington, Cooper, Foster.

On Motion The House then went into Committee on Mr. Waddington's motion & Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported a quorum not being present he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 18th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 18th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Crease, Tolmie, Cary, Cooper, Franklin, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington gave notice of Motion.¹⁷

The House then went into Committee of the whole on the adjourned debate on the Indian question.

¹⁷ Motion book, p. 16: "I give notice that with the leave of the House, I shall bring in a Bill on Wednesday, for better prohibiting the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to the Indians."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

The House divided on Mr. Helmcken's amendment, "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to remove the Northern tribes from the position which they now occupy near the Public road to a point where their inconvenience would not be felt."

Ayes 8. Noes 2.

Amendment carried.

Mr. Helmcken then brought forward the Petition to be sent home to Her Majesty the Queen, [which] should now be considered.

Mr. Crease proposed that the Petition should be taken Clause by clause.

The House divided.

Ayes 4. Noes 5.

Mr. Crease amendment lost.

On Motion of Mr. Franklin that the Chairman do now report progress.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Indian question referred to them under their consideration had agreed to Mr. Helmcken's resolution.

Mr. Fosters Motion—"for a respectful address to His Excellency the Governor praying that the official proceedings of the Council (or upper House of this Colony) be conducted with the same publicity as attends the sittings of the Legislative Assembly of this Colony."

Mr. Crease moved an amendment. That this House respectfully request His Excellency the Governor to permit the official proceedings of The Council (or Upper House) of this Colony to be conducted with the same publicity as attends the sittings of the Legislative Assembly of this Colony.

The House divided on the amendment.

Ayes 7. Noes 2.

Amendment carried.

The House then again went into Committee on Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them, under their consideration had agreed to the same with the following amendments.

Preamble after the word "the" insert "advice and" before the word "consent".

In Clause 3 after the word "the" & before the Act insert "Joint Stock Companies" & after the word Act insert "1856".

Clause 4 after the word given insert "by the said Acts".

Clause 6 after the word "That" & before the words "the Attorney General" be struck out and after the word "Companies" at the end of the clause insert "until a registrar of Joint Stock Companies of Vancouver Island & its dependencies shall be appointed when all the powers & duties of such registrar shall be vested in and imposed upon him."

Clause 12 after the words "shall be" & before the word "paid" insert "forthwith".

In the Schedule—Table of Fees.

No. 1 after the words "Capital does not exceed £500" insert "£5 and not exceeding £1000 £10".

Ordered that the Report be accepted & agreed to and Bill to be engrossed.

Mr. Tolmie gave notice of Motion.¹⁸

On Motion of Mr. Gordon.

Ordered that the Election Committee do adjourn until Monday the 25th June.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 19 inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 19th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Franklin, Cooper, Crease, Tolmie, Southgate, Green, Gordon, Foster, Waddington, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 21st June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 21st day of June, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 22nd June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

¹⁸ Motion book, p. 16: "I give notice that on Friday the 22nd June — That a Select Committee be appointed to draw up a petition to Her Majesty the Queen conveying the recommendations of the House as to the future management of the Indians natives of, or resorting to this Colony."

Friday, the 22nd day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Crease, McDonald, Green, Tolmie, Franklin, Waddington, Cooper.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read messages from His Exy. the Governor.

1 "Despatch from the Duke of Newcastle to Governor Douglas relative to Mr. Edward Stamp erecting Saw Mill & other works in Vancouver Island."

2nd relative to the Northern Tribes being removed from their present position.

3rd relative to the Resolution in reference to the publicity of the sittings of the Legislative Council.

4th Acknowledging the receipt of Bill for the administration of Oaths in the House of Assembly.

5 Return to an Address of the House of Assembly relating to copies of Correspondence between the Acting Treasurer of Vancouver Island & the Land Office & His Excellency, respecting the passage of Monies paid over to the Land Office during the seven months ending December 1859.

6 Return to an address of the House of Assembly relative to the correspondence between this Colonial Government and the Hudsons Bay Companys Manager regarding all monies demanded from him for all Colonial purposes whatever.

Mr. Tolmie Motion for a Select Committee to draw up a Petition to the Queen as to the future management of the Indians (see order book page 16.).

Mr. Crease seconded.

Committee—Messrs. Tolmie, Crease, Franklin.

Mr. Green brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the "Legal Bill."

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill to promote improvement in the Breed of Live Stock.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto & then agreed to the same under the Title of "The Live Stock Act, 1860."

Ordered that the Report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed, as amended.

The House again went into Committee on Mr. Waddington motion for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the whole to consider the necessity of amending the liquor License Law.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair.

After a long discussion Mr. Crease proposed as an Amendment "That this House considers that it is expedient that the present Liquor License Law should be altered, as soon as the deficiency in the Revenue that may be anticipated from reductions in some of the duties imposed by the Law is otherwise provided for."

Amendment carried.

The Chairman reported progress.

The House then adjourned until Monday 25th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 25th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Green, Crease, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

On Motion of Mr. Gordon, Ordered that the Election Committee do adjourn until 9 July.

Read 1st time "Bill for prohibiting the sale of intoxicating Liquor to Indians."

House then went into Committee on the Currency Bill and Bill for the protection of Members of Fire Companies.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bills referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and then agreed to the same under the title of the Currency Act 1860, and the Fireman's protection Act 1860.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 26th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 26th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Crease, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Foster move that this House do not go into Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. Waddington seconded.

After a long discussion the House divided:

Ayes 6. Noes 6.

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of going into Committee of the whole. Majority one.

The House then went into Committee on Supply—Estimate 3.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Gordon gave notice of Motion (order Book page 17).¹⁹

The House then adjourned until ½ past 7 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. There being no business before the House the House further adjourned until Wednesday 27th June at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 27th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Waddington, Cooper, Gordon, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Gordon moved "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to obtain from the Acting Treasurer, for the information of the House, an explanation of the note, signed by the Acting Treasurer appended to the foot of a copy of 'Abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of Vancouver Island for seven months during the year 1859' and which the House is unable to understand."

Mr. Tolmie seconded.

3rd Reading of Joint Stock Companies Act.

The House then went into Committee on Legal Bill.

Mr. Gordon in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

¹⁹ Motion book, pp. 17-18: "That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to obtain from the Acting Treasurer for the information of this House, an explanation of the note signed by the Acting Treasurer appended to the foot of a copy of 'Abstract of the Revenue & expenditure of Vancouver Island for seven months during the year 1859' & which the House is unable to understand."

The Chairman reported that a quorum not being present, the Committee were unable to proceed with the Bill under their consideration, and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Foster, Gordon, Crease, Franklin, Green, Southgate, Cooper, Waddington, McDonald, Tolmie, Coles.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee on Supply Estimate No. 4.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

On Motion of Mr. Cary.

Ordered that Ways and Means be taken first on the orders of the Day for Friday 29th June.

Mr. Gordon called attention to a Breach of Privilege committed by the Editor of the Colonist newspaper in stigmatizing the Honorable Speaker of this House.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

House then adjourned until Friday 29th inst. at 3 o'clock.

J. S. Helmcken

Friday, the 29th day of June, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Crease, Franklin, Green, Tolmie, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Crease brought up the Report of the Select Committee on Privileges.

The House then went into Committee to afford Mr. Cary [opportunity] to explain "Ways and Means."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee, and asked leave to sit again.

House then again in Committee on Legal Bill.

Mr. Gordon in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 2nd July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Crease, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie, Coles, Southgate, Cooper, Cary, McDonald, Green.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee on Privileges.

Mr. Gordon in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Cary moved that the Speakers warrant be issued, that Mr. Amor De Cosmos be summoned before the Bar of this House, in the matter, of the article contained in the "British Colonist" newspaper of the 28th June 1860, of which the Select Committee enquired into and reported thereon.

That the leading article of the said paper headed "Moral influence" contains a libel on the Speaker and in printing and publishing the same the said Amor De Cosmos has been guilty of a breach of privilege.

The Chairman reported progress.

Ordered that the Speaker do issue his warrant for Amor De Cosmos to appear at the Bar of this Honorable House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and read messages from His Excellency the Governor [1.] Returning "A Bill to provide for the administration of Oaths in the House of Assembly," as amended and passed in Council, and [2.] "Extract from the Journals of the Council" dated the 22nd of June 1860, in answer of an address from the House of Assembly, dated the 18th June to His Excellency the Governor:

The Council after considering the same, is of opinion that the said Address from its terms, does not apply to this Council, as this Council (or "Upper House" as the Honorable the House of Assembly designates the Council) being an independant Legislative Body, it has, as such, no "official proceedings" which His Excellency the Governor can "permit to be conducted with publicity."

It is ordered that the Clerk do furnish His Excellency with a copy of this Resolution.

3. Acknowledging "A Bill to extend the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Acts 1856, 1857, & 1858, to Vancouver Island and its dependencies."

3rd Reading of Currency Bill.

3rd Reading of Fire Companies Bill.

The House then went into Committee on Medical Bill.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 3rd July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 3rd day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Waddington, Cooper, Crease, Coles, Cary, Tolmie, McDonald, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

On Motion of Mr. Gordon, Ordered That the Election Committee do adjourn until Friday next 6th July.

The House then went into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Supplies referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and asked for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Cary gave notice he would introduce "Ways and Means" on Thursday next.

Mr. Gordon asked leave to withdraw the Petition of John T. Little & others for the purpose of furnishing Gas for the use of the Town of Victoria which he presented 21st March, 1860.

Ordered leave be granted to withdraw the Petition.

The House then adjourned until Wednesday 4th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 4th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Southgate, Green, Crease, Cooper, Foster, Tolmie, Coles, Cary, Franklin, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Amor de Cosmos appeared before the Bar of the House to answer a breach of Privilege contained in the leading article of the Colonist newspaper of the 28th June headed "Moral influence" that contains a libel on the Speaker and in printing and publishing the same the said Amor de Cosmos has been guilty of a breach of privilege.

Ordered by the House that Amor de Cosmos be removed in Custody of the Sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Southgate moved That Amor de Cosmos be called to the Bar of the House under the Speakers warrant and be directed to apologize to this House and to Mr. Speaker in particular for the breach of privilege of which he has been guilty in publishing the libel on the Speaker headed Moral influence.

Divided:

Ayes 6. Noes 5.

Motion carried.

Amor de Cosmos was then brought before the Bar of the House.

Mr. Speaker read to him the Motion that was carried and Amor de Cosmos apologized to Mr. Speaker & the House for the publication of the matter in question.

Mr. Speaker then informed Amor de Cosmos he was at liberty to leave the House.

2nd Reading of Bill for prohibiting the sale or gift of intoxicating liquor to the Indians, and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Waddington, Cary, Franklin.

On Motion of Mr. Cary the House adjourned until this evening at ½ past 7.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Green, Cary, Tolmie, Crease, Foster, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, McDonald.

The House had under their consideration the Oaths Bill as amended in Council.

After some discussion it was ordered that the amendment be agreed to & returned to Council.

So carried.

House then adjourned until Thursday 5th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p.m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 5th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Foster, Crease, Coles, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor acknowledging the receipt of the "Currency Bill" and "A Bill for the protection of the Members of Fire Companies of Victoria."

Mr. Crease presented Petition from Members of Victoria Gas Company.

Referred to a Select Committee: Messrs. Foster, Southgate, Green, Waddington, McDonald.

Mr. Cary asked permission to put off "Supply" & Ways & Means.

Granted.

Mr. Cary presented "A Bill for rendering the administration of Justice in minor Criminal cases more speedy and certain."

Read 1st time.

3rd Reading of Bill to promote improvement in the breed of Live Stock.

Mr. Crease asked leave to postpone the "Legal Bill" and Medical Bill.

Leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 10th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 10th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Coles, Tolmie, McDonald, Crease, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, Southgate, Green.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor.

1st "A Bill to provide for the administration of Oaths in the House of Assembly and the production of evidence before Committees of the same" had received his assent.

2ndly acknowledging "A Bill to promote improvement in the breed of Live Stock in the Colony of Vancouver Island."

On Motion of Mr. Gordon.

Ordered that the Election Committee do adjourn until Tuesday next 17th July at 11 o'clock to meet in Committee Room Police Barracks.

The House then went into Committee on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress. That Estimates Nos. 1, 2 and 4 were adopted & asked for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then went into Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Franklin gave notice of Motion (see order Book page 18).²⁰

The House then adjourned until Thursday 12th July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 12th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Coles, Green, Southgate, Foster, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cary brought up the Report of the Select Committee on "Bill for the incorporation of the City of Victoria."

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Ways & Means.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

1st Reading of Ways & Means.

2nd Reading of Supply.

Mr. Franklin gave notice of Motion to introduce a Bill entitled "The Victoria Street Bill."

Mr. Speaker administered the oath to four Members of the Election Committee: Messrs. Gordon, Foster, Waddington, Tolmie.

The House then adjourned until Saturday at 3 o'clock. p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

²⁰ Motion book, p. 18: "That every male person of ten years of age & upwards arriving in this Colony via the Pacific ocean pay the sum of \$3 to the Harbour Master in aid of the Hospital fund."

Saturday, the 14th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Crease, McDonald, Gordon, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed

Mr. Speaker administered the oath to Mr. Crease member of the Election Committee.

Mr. Waddington presented Report from the Standing Orders Committee relative to Fees to be charged in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Gordon presented a "Bill to incorporate the Victoria Gas Company."

Ordered to be read 1st time next meeting.

House adjourned until Monday 16th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 16th day of July, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 17th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Crease, Coles, Cooper, Cary, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor acknowledging the receipt of Address No. 11 and explaining of a sum of £4000, part of the receipts for the Sales of Land.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker read letter from Mr. Thomas J. Skinner that leave may be granted him to withdraw the Election Petition presented to the House against the return of James Cooper Esquire.

Ordered to be referred to the Election Committee.

Ordered that leave be granted to the Election Committee to adjourn until Friday 20th inst.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "Fees" to be charged in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the scale of Fees to be charged in the House of Assembly, referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto, and agreed to them.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and agreed to.

Read 1st time "A Bill to incorporate the Victoria Gas Company."

The House then adjourned until Thursday 19th July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 19th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. McDonald, Cary, Cooper, Foster, Tolmie, Crease, Green, Gordon, Waddington, Franklin.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House then went into Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress that No. 3 Estimate with amendments had been agreed to.

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

Mr. Franklin gave notice of Motion (see order Book page [blank]).²¹

Mr. Crease gave notice of Motion (see order book page [blank]).²²

The House then adjourned until Friday 20th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

²¹ Motion book, p. 18: "That this House do vote an address to be presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Her Majesty's possessions in North America."

²² Motion book, p. 18: "That the £649.3.1 forming portion of the Balance of £1207.14.1 be payable upon the Crown lands being handed over to this Colony but not otherwise."

Friday, the 20th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Crease, Green, Tolmie, Southgate, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, McDonald, Foster.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The House then went into Committee on Ways & Means.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Ways & Means referred to them under their consideration had made amendments and had agreed to them.

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

The House then went into Committee on Supply.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the "supply" referred to them under their consideration had made an amendment in Estimate No 3. vizt. "That the £1207. 14. 1 be not payable out of the general revenue until the Crown lands and the entire revenue of the Colony be placed under the control of the Legislature."

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 23 July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 24th July 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 24th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, Green, Crease, Coles, Foster, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read message from His Excellency the Governor returning the Firearms Protection Act 1860 as amended from the Council.

Mr. Gordon Chairman of the Committee of Election, Reported, That Mr. Selim Franklin was duly returned and elected for the Town of Victoria at the late General Election and That Mr. Skinner be allowed to withdraw the Petition against the return of James Cooper Esqr. for Esquimalt District at the late General Election.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill for the "Incorporation of the City of Victoria."

Mr. Crease in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Cooper asked leave of absence, on Government duty.

Leave granted.

House then adjourned until Wednesday 25th July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 25th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Gordon, Green, Cary, Crease, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, McDonald, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Foster brought to the notice of the House a Breach of Privilege relating to a messenger in the Acting Colonial Secy.'s Office writing a letter to the Clerk of this House.

Ordered to be brought before the Bar of this House.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill for the Incorporation of the City of Victoria.

Mr. Crease in the Chair of the Committee.

After a long discussion Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted to sit again on Monday 30th inst.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 26th July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 26th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Coles, Cooper, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Cary brought up the Report of the Select Committee on the Pilot Bill.

2nd Reading of "Criminal Bill" referred to a Committee of the whole.

Mr. Waddington gave notice of Motion (see page 19 Order Book).²³

Fire Companys Bill as amended from Council passed.

The House adjourned until Friday 27th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 27th day of July, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Cary, Cooper, Foster, Green, Franklin, Tolmie, Waddington, McDonald, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

House in Committee of the whole on "Bill to appoint Commissioners to improve the Streets of the Town of Victoria & to authorise the collection of a Tax to be called the Victoria Street Fund."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had received it favorably.

Ordered to be read 1st time.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill for administering Justice in Criminal Cases.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Report accepted leave granted.

²³ Motion book, p. 19: "I give notice that I shall bring in a Bill on Monday July 30th to amend the 'Registration [of] Voters Act 1859' so that in case of any new election during the term of this House, the existing list of voters, entitled to vote at any such election be previously corrected and revised."

Mr. Franklin asked leave to postpone the Address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, (of which he had given previous notice) until Monday 30th July 1860.

Ordered that leave be granted.

House then adjourned until Monday 30th July at 3 o'clock p.m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 30th day of July, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Tuesday 31st July at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 31st day of July, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Wednesday 1st August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Crease, Coles, Waddington, Foster, Cary, Franklin, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin presented Petition in favor of the Victoria Gas Company.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion (see order book page 20).²⁴

Mr. Waddington introduced "Registration of Voters Bill."

Read 1st time.

House then went into Committee on "Bill for the incorporation of the City of Victoria."

Mr. Crease in the Chair of the Committee.

²⁴ Motion book, p. 20: "That he will on the 14th of August introduce a Bill to provide for the Registration of Assurances and Titles."

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr. Foster gave notice of Motion (see order Book page 20).²⁵

The House then adjourned until Thursday 2nd August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 2nd day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. McDonald, Franklin, Cary, Southgate, Waddington, Crease, Green, Foster.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Waddington presented Bill to regulate the sale of Fermented & Spirituous Liquors.

Read 1st time.

Mr. Cary moved that a new Writ be issued for the Town of Esquimalt in room of George Tomline Gordon Esqr.

Mr. Cary presented Bill of Supply for the sum of £9364 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to the Service of the year 1860.

Ordered to be read 1st time.

Mr. Cary presented Bill of Supply to apply the sum of £3207.14.1 out of the General Revenue to defray the expenses of Departments for the Service of the year 1860.

Ordered to be read 1st time.

Mr. Cary presented a Bill to levy an annual tax of £1 per centum on the value of all real estate in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies.

Ordered to be read 1st time.

House then went into Committee on "Bill for administering Justice in Criminal Cases."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

²⁵ Motion book, p. 20: "That His Excellency the Governor be prayed to order that every official in receipt of public revenue in this Colony enter into recognisances upon the same system as pursued in England both personally and thro' sureties."

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made Amendments thereto & then agreed to them.

Ordered that the Report be agreed to.

Mr. Franklin brought forward his Motion of which he had given previous notice "That this House do vote an Address to be presented to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Her Majesty's possessions in North America.

Mr. Foster seconded.

Committee to draw up the Address: Messrs. Franklin, Foster, Crease.

The House then went into Committee on "Incorporation Bill."

Mr. Crease in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Friday 3rd August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 3rd day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Crease, McDonald, Coles, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, Southgate.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Foster brought forward [his motion] of which he had given previous notice.

That His Excellency the Governor be prayed to order that every official in receipt of public revenue in this Colony enter into recognisances upon the same system as pursued in England both personally and thro' sureties.

Mr. Crease seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion (see order book page 20).²⁶

Mr. Franklin moved the 2nd Reading of the "Victoria Street Fund Bill."

Ordered to be read 2nd time & that the House suspend their rule, and that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole at once.

Carried.

²⁶ Motion book, p. 20: "That he will on Tuesday next (7) introduce a bill to Provide for the collection & application of certain Harbor dues."

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "Victoria Street Fund Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 6th August 1860 at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 6th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Crease, Franklin, Foster, Coles, McDonald, Cary, Waddington, Green.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on "the Victoria Gas Company's Bill."

Ordered that the Report be considered this day week.

Mr. Waddington presented a Petition against the "Victoria Gas Companies Bill."

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "Victoria Street Fund Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House adjourned until Tuesday 7th August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 7th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. McDonald, Cary, Franklin, Southgate, Waddington, Crease, Foster, Green.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read messages from His Excellency the Governor.

1st returning the "Joint Stock Companies Act 1860" as amended & passed Council.

2ndly in reply to Mr. Fosters Motion "That His Excellency the Governor be prayed to order that every official in receipt of Public Revenue in this Colony enter into recognisances upon the same system as pursued in England both personally and through sureties."

I beg to state, for the information of the House, that the system hitherto pursued in this Colony is in accordance with that established by the rules and regulations of Her Majesty's Colonial Service.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Council Chamber Victoria V. I.
31st July 1860

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the President of the Council to transmit for your information the following extract from the Minutes of Council, of the 10th of July instant.

"The Currency Bill" was brought up for second reading.

On reading the order, it was moved seconded and carried unanimously "That this Bill be read a second time this day six months."

I have now the honor to forward an Act, entitled, "An Act to declare certain Foreign Coins a lawful tender" which has been read a third time and passed in Council this day.

I have the honor to be &c.
Edwd. Cridge
Hon. Sec. to the Council.

Mr. Cary presented the Road Bill as amended, from the Select Committee.

Mr. Cary presented Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan of £10,000 upon the security of the Harbor Dues and monies levied by virtue of A Proclamation dated the 25th August 1858.

Read 1st time.

An Act to declare certain Foreign coins a lawful tender as passed the Council.

Read 1st time.

Mr. Franklin presented the Address (to be forwarded by His Excellency the Governor) to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Ordered to be engrossed.

2nd Reading of Bill for the payment of certain salaries.

2nd Reading of Bill to apply the sum of £3207. 14. 1. out of the General Revenue to defray the expenses of Departments for the year 1860.

2nd Reading of Bill to apply the sum of £9364 out of the General Revenue of the Colony for the year 1860.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill for the payment of certain salaries, Bill to apply the sum of £3207. 14. 1, [and] Bill to apply the sum of £9364.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bills referred to them under their consideration had agreed to them.

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

2nd Reading of "Bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors."

2nd Reading of "Bill to levy a tax of £1 per centum on real Estate."

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion (see Order Book page 20).²⁷

The House adjourned until Wednesday 8th August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 8th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Coles, Green, Crease, Waddington, Cary, Franklin, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

1st Reading of Bill to impose certain duties in respect of certain trades and occupations.

3rd Reading of Bill for the payment of certain salaries.

3rd Reading of Bill to apply the sum of £3207. 14. 1.

3rd Reading of Bill to apply the sum of £9364.

3rd Reading of "Criminal Bill."

House then went into Committee of the whole on the Pilot Bill.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 9th August at 3 o'clock p.m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 9th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Crease, Waddington, Tolmie, Cary, Franklin, McDonald.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The Address to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales from the House of Assembly on his R. Highness visit to Canada.

Read & adopted.

²⁷ Motion book, p. 20: "I will introduce a Bill for levying certain trading & other licenses on Wednesday next."

Mr. Franklin brought forward a resolution to accompany the Address to His Exy. the Governor praying His Exy. to transmit the Address to His Exy. the Governor General of Canada (see Order Book page 21).²⁸

Carried.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 14th August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 14th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Green, Foster, Coles, Crease, Cary, Tolmie, Southgate, Franklin, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read messages from His Excellency the Governor.

Gentlemen

13th August 1860

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Speaker's communication of the 9th inst. accompanying an Address to His R. H. the Prince of Wales & I shall have much pleasure in forwarding the same by the earliest conveyance to the Right Honorable the Governor General of Canada for presentation to H. R. Highness.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Gentlemen

13th August 1860

I have the honour to enclose herewith the Return to the Writ issued for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the Town of Esquimalt.

(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Mr. Gordon was introduced by Mr. Crease and took the usual oaths, vizt. allegiance, qualifications &c. and took his seat as Member for the "Town of Esquimalt."

House then went into Committee on Bill for levying £1 per centum pr. annum on the value of all real Estate in the Colony.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 16 August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

²⁸ Motion book, p. 21: "That His Ex. the Governor be respectfully requested to forward to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada the address unanimously voted by this House to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to Her Majesty's possessions in North America & with the request that the Governor General will present the same to H. R. Highness."

Thursday, the 16th day of August, 1860

A quorum not being present the House adjourned until Friday 17th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 17th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Coles, Green, McDonald, Waddington, Gordon, Cary, Tolmie, Franklin, Crease.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "Victoria Street Paving Fund Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to, under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 20th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 20th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Cary, Southgate, Gordon, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

2nd Reading of Bill to extend the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Acts 1856, 1857 & 1858 as amended by Council.

House then went into Committee of the whole on Bill to extend the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Acts.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported the Committee having the Bill referred to them (as amended in Council) under their consideration had agreed to it with the amendments.

Ordered Report be accepted.

2nd Reading of the Currency Bill as received from Council.

On motion of Mr. Cary postponed until this day week.

2nd Reading of Bill to impose certain duties in respect of certain trades & occupations.

Referred to Committee of the whole.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on The "Pilot Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto & then agreed to the same.

Ordered that the report be accepted.

Mr. Cary gave notice of Motion (see Order Book page [blank]).²⁹

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 21st inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 21st day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Gordon, McDonald, Tolmie, Waddington, Foster, Franklin, Cary, Green, Crease.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

House went into Committee of the whole on "Bill to levy an annual tax of £1 per centum on all Real Estate."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

On Motion of Mr. Cary the House adjourned until ½ past 7 o'clock in the evening, to proceed with the "£1 tax on all real estate Bill."

Agreed to.

The House met pursuant to adjournment at ½ past 7 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

²⁹ Motion book, p. 21: "That the House shall on Tuesdays & Fridays sit at ½ past 7 in the evening in addition to the afternoon sitting."

Mr. Cary reported that the Chairman of the Committee Mr. Waddington not being present, would it be correct to elect a Chairman pro. tem. the business of the House, being so urgent to get through with.

After a short debate the House came to the conclusion it would be discourteous, to the Hon. Member for Victoria County Mr. Waddington, The Chairman, to elect another Chairman pro. tem. in his absence.

Carried.

The House then adjourned until Wednesday 22nd day of August at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Cary, Crease, Waddington, McDonald, Franklin, Green, Southgate, Gordon, Coles, Tolmie.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

On Motion of Mr. Crease.

Ordered That the House shall on Tuesdays & Fridays sit at ½ past 7 in the evening, in addition to the afternoon sitting for the space of 1 (one) month from this time to further the special business before the House—& as a temporary measure.

Mr. Cary introduced a "Bill to facilitate the transfer of Real Estate & to provide for the Registration of Titles."

Ordered to be read 1st time.

2nd Reading of "Registration of Voters Bill."

2nd Reading of Bill to authorize the raising of a loan of £10,000 upon security of the Harbour Dues.

House then went into Committee on Victoria Street Paving Fund Bill.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and agreed to the same.

Ordered that the Report be accepted & Bill to go to 3rd Reading.

The House then adjourned until Thursday 23rd inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Coles, Green, Crease, Gordon, Cary, Franklin, Tolmie, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington gave notice of Motion (see order book page 22).³⁰

Mr. McDonald presented Petition from James Yates & J. D. Carroll against the return of George Tomline Gordon Esquire representing Esquimalt Town.

Ordered to be referred to the Election Committee.

Ordered that Mr. Drake, Solicitor be the taxing Master, to tax all fees of Election Committees.

House then went into Committee on Bill to levy an annual tax of the £1 per cent on the value of all real estate in the Colony.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein and was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered that the Report be accepted and leave granted.

House adjourned until Friday 24th inst. at 3 o'clock.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Friday, the 24th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Green, Cary, Southgate, Franklin, Tolmie, Waddington, Gordon.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington presented Bill for erecting & maintaining a Beacon light within the entrance of the Harbour of Victoria.

Ordered to be read 1st time.

House then went into Committee on "Bill to authorise the sale of fermented & spirituous liquors."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

³⁰ Motion book, p. 22: "I give notice that I shall bring in tomorrow Friday Aug. 24 a bill for the erection and maintenance of a light house or beacon within the entrance of Victoria Harbour."

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made amendments thereto and then agreed to the same.

Ordered that the Report be accepted.

Bill to go to 3rd Reading.

The House then adjourned until ½ past 7 o'clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The House went into Committee of the whole on "The Road Bill."

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered The Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Monday 27th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Monday, the 27th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker and Messrs. Foster, Crease, Green, Tolmie, Gordon, Cary, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read and confirmed.

3rd Reading of "Pilot Bill."

2nd Reading of Currency Bill as amended from Council postponed until this day week.

On Motion of Mr. Foster "The Street Paving Fund Bill" was recommitted to consider clause 3.

Carried.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "The Street Paving Fund Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had agreed to the Bill without any additional amendment.

Ordered That the Report be accepted.

3rd Reading of "Street Paving Fund Bill."

The House then went into Committee of the whole on "The Road Bill."

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair & read message from His Excellency the Governor.

V. V. I. 27th August 1860

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that I purpose leaving this Colony tomorrow evening for British Columbia, & that I may be absent for a period of one month or six weeks.

The administration of the Government, during my absence, will devolve upon the Senior Member of the Council, Mr. Roderick Finlayson.

I have &c. &c.
(sgd.) James Douglas
Governor

Mr. Speaker left the Chair and Mr. Waddington resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration had made progress therein & was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

The House then adjourned until Tuesday 28th inst. at 3 o'clock p. m.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker.

Tuesday, the 28th day of August, 1860

Present: Mr. Speaker, The Attorney General, and Messrs. Foster, Crease, Green, Southgate, Tolmie, Gordon, McDonald, Waddington.

The former Minutes having been read & confirmed.

Mr. Waddington gave notice of Motion.³¹

The House then went into Committee on Bill to levy an annual tax of £1 pr. centum on all Real Estate.

Mr. Waddington in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair & the House adjourned until ½ past 7 o'clock.

½ past 7 o'clock The House met pursuant to adjournment the Chairman of Ways & Means the Hon. Member for Victoria County Mr. Waddington not being present.

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. 29 inst.

J. S. Helmcken
Speaker

³¹ Motion book, p. 22: "I move that His Excy. be requested to inform this House whether the appointment of the Atty. General in Novr. or Decr. last was from the Home government or merely a temporary nomination."