
Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to Summons issued.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Donald Fraser, David Cameron, E. Graham Alston.

The minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd of February having been read and confirmed.

The Members of Council accompanied His Excellency The Governor to The House of Assembly to open the third Session of the Second Parliament.

On the return from the House of Assembly, It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously

That the Council do resolve on this, the first opportunity which occurs after the Meeting of The Legislature, to prepare an Address of condolence to Her most Gracious Majesty The Queen, on the lamented death of the Prince Consort, the Intelligence of which mournful event was received in the Colony during the recess of the Legislature.

Resolved that The Governor's Speech delivered to Parliament this day on the opening of the third Session be taken up at next Meeting of Council.

The Council then adjourned till Friday the 21st Instant at 7. oClock P.M.

Friday, the 21st day of March, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Donald Fraser, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and approved.

The following Address of the Legislative Council was agreed to—

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Most Gracious Sovereign,
May it please Your Majesty.*

We the Members of the Legislative Council of Your Majesty's Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, in Parliament assembled, beg most humbly to express to your Majesty that we have received, with feelings of profound sorrow, the melancholy intelligence of the premature death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort; and we now most respectfully tender to Your Majesty, the expression of our deep sympathy, and sincere condolence upon this sad event—a bereavement which we feel to be an irreparable loss to Your Majesty, the Royal Family, and the British Nation.

We desire further, most humbly, to convey to Your Majesty our admiration of the high character of the late lamented Prince: of the Virtues which adorned all the relations of life which he so worthily filled: of his enlightened encouragement of Education, art, and Science: and more particularly of his generous solicitude for the amelioration of the condition of the poor: of his indefatigable, and successful endeavours to promote every good work which could reflect credit, and confer dignity, and honor, upon the British Nation, and contribute to the comfort, happiness, and Moral elevation of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects.

We would also beg to express our sincere feelings of loyalty, and respectful attachment to Your Majesty's August person, and to add our earnest prayer that your Majesty's life may long be spared, and blessed with tranquility; and that Your Majesty may be strengthened by Divine Aid to bear with resignation, this Your Majesty's most afflicting bereavement.

For, and on behalf of the Members of the Legislative Council.

(signed) Roderick Finlayson
President

Council Chamber,
Victoria Vancouver Island
21st day of March, 1862.

Resolved—That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to have the goodness to forward the foregoing Address for presentation, with a statement that it was agreed to by the Council on the first day of the Meeting of Parliament, after the recess.

The Speech delivered by the Governor on the 19th Instant, and of which a copy was laid on the Table, was taken into consideration;

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly;

There has been no material change in the condition of the Colony since the close of the last session.

I am happy to inform you that the question which lately assumed so serious an aspect as even to threaten an interruption of the amity existing between Her Majesty's Government, and the Government of the United States of North America, has been satisfactorily settled, and our friendly relations with that Power remain unimpaired.

Her Majesty's Government has caused to be shipped from England for the use of the Volunteer Companies of this Colony, 500 stand of rifles, with ammunition. I shall therefore be enabled to arm, without expense to the Colony, the several Volunteer Companies who with characteristic spirit, and loyalty, have offered their services for the protection of property, and the defence of Her Majesty's Dominions.

I have in accordance with the provisions of the Victoria Harbor Act 1860 appointed Commissioners to report upon the best means of improving Victoria Harbor and I will hereafter lay before you their report upon that subject.

Agrarian dispute endangering the public peace and safety having occurred in Malahat District, I deemed it expedient in order to remove the immediate cause of contention, to enter into arrangements with the Natives for the satisfaction of their claims on the land, on terms agreeable to them and advantageous to the Colony. As an essential part of that agreement I propose that a portion of land shall be reserved and secured for their exclusive use, and benefit: a measure which will remove almost the only cause likely to disturb the general harmony existing between the Settlers and the Natives. Arrangements will, if found necessary, be also made for the Settlement of the native claims in Cowichan District.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In the Estimates for the year, which will soon be laid before you, I have recommended a small pecuniary Aid towards the equipment of the Volunteer Companies; and also a grant in aid of the Fire Companies of Victoria, who are put to much expense in providing for the discharge of their public duties.

I have also proposed an increase in the ordinary grant for educational objects; and in the sums to be applied to the formation and improvement of Roads.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The geological formations of Vancouver Island, and the recent discoveries of Copper Ore in Barclay Sound, and other places, having given rise to a high degree of confidence in the Mineral resources of the Colony, I recommend you to

consider whether it would be expedient to investigate the character, and Extent of those resources, in different parts of the Colony.

As it is evident that persons intending to settle on the Waste lands of the Crown, would derive mutual Aid, and support, and many other advantages, from acting in concert, and combining together in the occupation of land, I propose that suitable Districts should be surveyed in different parts of the Colony, and Roads therefrom opened to convenient points upon the Coast, from whence produce may be transported by water: and as an attractive inducement to Settlers, that they should be allowed the option of paying for their lands by their labor on these Roads. Such a measure will, I conceive, have the effect of advancing the progress of the Colony, and developing its agricultural, and mineral resources.

A Bill for the Incorporation of the Town of Victoria will be again introduced, and I hope it will be passed at an early period of the Session.

A Bill to reduce, and regulate the Fees payable in the Law Courts; and Bills to facilitate the enjoyment of lands acquired under the Proclamations of the 19th of February, and 21st of March, 1861 to increase the number of Representatives for the Town of Victoria; and to raise a sum of Money by loan secured on the General Revenue, to be applied to the formation of Roads, will be submitted for your consideration.

A scheme for improving the Harbour of Victoria, and other important measures will also be laid before you, as soon as the course of Public business will permit.

The Speech having been read, and discussed.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the following Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to the Speech.

To, His Excellency James Douglas Esquire, Companion of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies; Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

The humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Vancouver Island.

May it please Your Excellency.

The Legislative Council begs to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Speech on the opening of the present Session of the Legislature.

The Council begs respectfully to assure your Excellency that it is prepared to give its immediate attention to the consideration of the various important matters referred to in Your Excellency's Speech; and the Council begs to express to Your Excellency its intention to devote its energies to promote the Interests of the Colony, to the utmost of its ability, and power.

(Signed) Roderick Finlayson
President of the Council.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 25th Instant at half past 2. O'Clock.

Tuesday, the 25th day March, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Donald Fraser, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The Members of Council waited upon His Excellency The Governor, and presented the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, which had been agreed to at the last Meeting, to which His Excellency made a suitable reply.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

Friday, the 16th day of May, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to Summons issued.

Present: The Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston.

His Excellency The Governor introduced Mr. Alexander Watson as an additional Member of Council; and Mr. Watson having taken, and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, in the presence of His Excellency, took his seat as a Member of Council, accordingly.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A Communication was received from the House of Assembly, accompanying the following Bills of Supply, namely:

1. "An Act to apply the sum of six thousand, eight hundred, and seventy five pounds (£6,875.) out of the General Revenue, for the payment of certain salaries, and expenses for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty two."
2. "An Act to apply the sum of eighteen thousand, five hundred, and seventy six pounds (£18,576.) out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand, eight hundred, and sixty two."

Which Bills having been respectively read a first time.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday the 21st Instant at 1. O'Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 21st day of May, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read, and confirmed.

"An Act to apply the sum of Six thousand, eight hundred, and Seventy five pounds (£6,875.) out of the General Revenue, for the payment of certain Salaries, and Expenses for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty two (1862.)" was read a second time.

"An Act to apply the sum of Eighteen thousand five hundred, and seventy six pounds (£18,576.) out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to the service of the year One thousand Eight hundred, and sixty two (1862.)" Was read a second time.

A communication was received from the House of Assembly enclosing "An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies to borrow money for temporary purposes," which was read a first time.

The Rules of Council were then suspended, and, The Bills of Supply for the Sums of Six thousand, eight hundred and seventy five pounds (£6.875.) and eighteen thousand, five hundred, and seventy six pounds (£18.576.) were respectively read a third time, and passed.

The following Resolution was then moved, seconded and carried,

Whereas the practice of specifying the Appropriations of Money voted in Bills of Supply in Schedules only attached to such Bills, and of expressing the same in figures only, may lead to error, *Resolved*

1. That the Legislative Council recommend to the Honorable The House of Assembly that, in future, all sums of money, dates, and numerals be expressed in words at length; and that the amounts of all appropriations of money be inserted in the Body of such Bills, and not merely annexed thereto by way of schedule.

2. Resolved further, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the House of Assembly, with the Bills of Supply now passed.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 28th at 3 o'clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 28th day of May, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies to borrow money for temporary purposes,” was read a second time.

The following Bills were received from the House of Assembly—namely,

1. “An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies to borrow the Sum of £20,000. upon the Security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads.”

2. “An Act to confirm the appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision under the Real Estate Tax Act, 1860,” and

3. “An Act to protect the property of a wife deserted by her Husband.” Which three Bills were respectively read a first time.

The Rules of Council were then suspended, and “An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to borrow money for temporary purposes” was Read a third time, and passed.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 4th June, at 3 O'clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 4th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to confirm the Appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision, under the Real Estate Tax Act 1862” was read a second time.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to borrow the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000.) upon the Security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads,” was read a second time, and committed—when the following Amendments were proposed, seconded, and carried—vizt.

Clause I. At line 13—Strike out the words “*and maintaining.*”

At line 13, strike out the “*Streets*” and insert the word “*and*” in lieu thereof.

At lines 14 and 15 strike out the words “*and other similar communications.*”

Clause II—At line 5—strike out the word “*Ten*” and insert “*seven*” in lieu thereof.

Clause IV. At line 2 strike out the words “*at a discount*” and insert “*below par*” in lieu thereof.

Clause VII. At line 4—after the word “*only*” strike out the remainder of the clause.

Clause VIII. At line 2—After the word “*Regulations*” strike out the words “*at such times*” “*in such sum*” “*on such conditions,*” and “*in such manner*”.

Clause X. At line 8, after the word “*of*” strike out “*constructing, and maintaining Roads, Streets, Bridges and other similar communications within the said Colony, and no other,*” and insert the words “*this Act*” in lieu thereof.

Clause XI. At line 3, strike out the word “*repurchase*” and insert “*redeemed*” in lieu thereof.

Clause XI. At line 8—strike out the word “*purchased,*” and insert “*redeemed*” in lieu thereof

The Committee then rose and reported progress.

The Act entitled “An Act to protect the property of a wife deserted by her Husband” —was then read a second time and Committed, and following amendments were proposed, Seconded, and carried, namely:

At the commencement of the Act the following Title to be placed vizt. “*An Act to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband.*”

Clause I. At line 5 after the word “*within*” strike out “*the jurisdiction of the Chief Justice of.*”

Clause I. At lines 7 & 8, strike out the words “*of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies.*”

Clause I. At line 9, after the words “*Chief Justice*” insert “*of the Colony of Vancouver Island.*”

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 11th Instant at 3 o’Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to make certain necessary appointments," received from the House of Assembly was read a first time, and

A Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorize the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road; also known as the North Road" received from the House of Assembly was read a first time.

"An Act to confirm the appointment of certain Members of the Court of Revision under the Real Estate Tax Act 1860," was read a third time and passed.

"An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to borrow the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds (£20,000.) upon the security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads" was read a third time and passed as amended.

"An Act to protect the property of a Wife deserted by her Husband," was read a third time, and passed, as amended.

It was proposed by Mr. Alston, and seconded by Mr. Cameron, and carried,

"That His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to furnish the Council with a Copy of the Instructions issued by the Home Government relating to the constitution of the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island."

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 18th Instant at 3. oClock P.M.

Wednesday, the 18th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

"An Act to authorize the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies to make certain necessary appointments," was read a second time, and committed.

"An Act to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorize the closing of part of the old Saanich, and Burnside Road, also known as the North Road," was read a second time, and committed.

"An Act to enlarge the time limited by the Victoria Gas Company's Act 1860; and the Victoria Gas Company Extension Act 1861 for the Establishment of Gas works and buildings by the Victoria Gas Company," received from the House of Assembly—was read a first time.

“A Bill to incorporate the City of Victoria,” was received from the House of Assembly, but the Council was unable to proceed with the Measure on account of the unintelligible manner in which the Bill was sent up, and the Clerk was ordered to send the following letter to the House of Assembly.

Council Chamber
June 18 1862

To The Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—
Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Legislative Council to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Clerk of the House of Assembly transmitting “a Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria.”

2. I am also directed to enclose the Bill so received, and to state that the Council will not receive Bills in the condition of the one now sent; and that they cannot proceed to the consideration of the matter until a fair copy of the Bill, as passed by the House of Assembly, properly engrossed, be transmitted.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen
Your most obedient,
and humble servant,

(sg'd.) Joseph Porter—
Acting Clerk of the Council.

The Plan A referred to
in the Schedule does not
accompany the Bill.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday the 25th Instant at 3. oClock P.M.

Wednesday, the 25th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment, and, There being no quorum present, adjourned until Friday the 27th Instant at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 27th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Daniel [David] Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A communication from the House of Assembly dated 24th June 1862, enclosing “a Bill to incorporate the City of Victoria” was received, and, “A Bill to incorporate the City of Victoria,” was read a first time.

Mr. Alston gave notice of his intention to introduce a “Bill to amend an Act for the preservation of Game.”

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Bill was brought in, and read a first time.

The Council then adjourned until Monday the 30th Instant at 1. oClock P.M.

Monday, the 30th day of June, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to authorize the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies to make certain necessary appointments” was considered in Committee, and the following Amendments made, vizt.

In the Preamble—at line 54 strike out the words “to convey such land”—and insert “to perform the duties of such Office” in lieu thereof.

In Clause IV. at line 2—after the word “Crown” insert “seized under a Writ of Extent, and sold by Order of the Supreme Court of Civil Justice under the said recited Statute 25. G. [George] III. C. 35.”

Clause IV. at line 8 after the word “subject” insert “nevertheless.”

Clause IV—at lines 10 & 11, strike out the words “existing in this Colony at the date of this Act” and insert “of this Colony.”

The Bill was then brought up, read a third time, and passed as amended.

“An Act to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorize the closing up of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road, also known as the North Road,” was considered in Committee, and the following amendments made vizt.

After Clause II insert new Clause III: “Provided always that the said Surveyor General shall cause to be given to every Owner of land, or his Agent, lawfully authorized, through which the New Road is to be made, and through which the Road proposed to be stopped up passes, a notice of his intention to close the said Road and open the new one:—and shall also insert in one or more Newspapers published in the Colony, a public Notice to the same effect, accurately describing the Roads so closed and opened, as aforesaid. Any person feeling himself aggrieved by the closing up of the said Road, may within 14 days after the publication of such notice as aforesaid appeal to the Supreme Court, and shall give Notice of such Appeal to the said Surveyor General; and the Chief Justice of the said Court is hereby empowered to try such Appeal, and make such Order as he shall think fit. Provided always, that if no such appeal be made within fourteen days after the Public Notice aforesaid, this Act shall take effect therefrom, and no Action, Appeal, or other proceeding shall be allowed to be taken, or brought against the said Surveyor General, or otherwise, in relation thereto.”

The Bill was then brought up, read a third time, and passed as amended.

“An Act to enlarge the time limited by the Victoria Gas Company’s Act 1860 and the Victoria Gas Company’s Extension Act 1861, for the Establishment of Gas Works and Buildings by the Victoria Gas Company,” was read a second time: afterwards read a third time, and passed.

A Bill to amend an “Act for the preservation of Game” was read a second time; and afterwards considered in Committee, when the following Amendments were made vizt.

In the Preamble—insert “and whereas it is expedient to protect also smaller Birds which subsist principally on noxious insects.”

Clause I—Line 4—After the word “robin,” insert “or any bird usually [called] by any of these names, or any bird which subsists principally on noxious insects.”

The Bill was then brought up, read a third time, and passed as amended. The Council adjourned until Friday the 4th July at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 4th day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, David Cameron C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to establish fire limits within the Town of Victoria,” received from The House of Assembly, was read a first time.

The rules were then suspended, and the Bill was read a second time. The Council then adjourned till Tuesday the 8th Instant at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Tuesday, the 8th day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

“An Act to establish Fire limits within the Town of Victoria,” was read a third time and passed.

“A Bill to Incorporate the City of Victoria” was read a second time, and committed—and

The Council adjourned until Friday the 11th Instant at one o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 11th day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The following Bills were received from the House of Assembly, vizt.

1. “An Act to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorize the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road, also known as the

North Road," with an Amendment of the House of Assembly to the Council Amendment (of 30th June).

2. "An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof."

Upon the question, that "An Act to enable the Surveyor General to authorize the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road, also known as the North Road" be now read a first time It was moved, and seconded, and carried,

"That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly stating that the Council are unable to agree to the amendment proposed by the Honorable House, for the reason that the rights of the public are not protected thereby."

"An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof," was read a first time.

A Committee consisting of the Honble. David Cameron, and the Honble. E. G. Alston, was appointed to draw up an "Act to Incorporate the Town of Victoria".

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 18th Instant, at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 18th day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

"An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof," was read a second time.

The Rules were then suspended, and "An Act to authorize the Appointment of a Sanatory Commission for the Town of Victoria, and to define the powers thereof," was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 22nd Instant at one o'Clock P.M.

Tuesday, the 22nd day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Finlayson, and seconded by Mr. Watson, "That the House of Assembly be requested to Meet the Council at a conference to be held on the subject of the 'Burnside Road Act' on Friday next at 1. o'Clock P.M."

The Council then went into Committee on "An Act to Incorporate the City of Victoria," when the following amendment was proposed, seconded, and carried;—

Clause XXVII—At lines 17, 18, 19, and 20, strike out the words "who may act as Treasurer of the said Revenues and Monies of the said Corporation."

The Bill was then brought up, read a third time, and passed.

The Council adjourned until Friday the 25th Instant at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 25th day of July, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The Members of the House of Assembly attended at the Council Chamber to meet the Council in Conference on the question of the amendments to

"An Act to enable the Surveyor General of Vancouver Island to authorize the closing of part of the old Saanich and Burnside Road, also known as the North Road," and also on the question of the Amendments to

"An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to borrow the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds (£20,000.) upon the Security of the Revenue of the Colony for the formation of Roads."

After fully discussing the question of the "Burnside Road Act," the following Amendment to the Amendment of the House of Assembly was offered.

At line 17—of Council Amendments—after the word "notice" strike out the remainder of the Clause, and subsequent proviso, and insert in lieu thereof "complain to the Surveyor General stating his objections to such new road or the closing of such old Road; and the Surveyor General shall finally decide such complaints and adjudicate thereon."

Agreed to.

On the question of the "Vancouver Island Roads Loan (£20,000.," being considered, It was suggested on behalf of the House of Assembly, that the Bill should, with the consent of both Houses, be withdrawn, and a New Bill introduced.

Agreed to.

The Council then adjourned until Friday 1st August, at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 1st day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment, and, There being no Quorum present, Adjourned until Friday the 8th Instant at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 8th day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the Meetings of July 25th and August 1st having been read and confirmed.

A Communication from the House of Assembly transmitting "An Act to amend the Scale of Fees charged for the Entrance, and clearance of Vessels, Licenses to Scows, boats, and other Craft, and dues for Landing Permits, as well as other matters relating to the same, in the Port of Victoria, including Esquimalt" was received, and the said Act was read a first time.

It was moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by Mr. Cameron, and carried.

That the attention of His Excellency The Governor be respectfully requested to the Resolution of the Council made on the 11th day of June last, a copy of which is enclosed.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 12th Instant at 3. oClock P.M.

Tuesday, the 12th day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A Message from the Governor enclosing an Extract from Her Majesty's Instructions relating to the constitution of the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island, was received, and ordered to be acknowledged.

"An Act to amend the Scale of fees charged for the entrance and clearance of Vessels; Licenses to Scows, Boats, and other craft; and Dues for Landing Permits, as well as other matters relating to the same, in the Port of Victoria, including Esquimalt," was read a second time, and committed.

The Council being of opinion that an alteration in the Schedule annexed to the "Victoria and Esquimalt Harbours Dues' Act 1862" would be advisable, it was ordered that a Conference be requested with The Honorable House of Assembly thereon.

The Council adjourned until Friday the 15th Instant at 2. oClock P.M.

Friday, the 15th day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A communication from the House of Assembly agreeing to a conference on the "Victoria and Esquimalt Harbour Dues Act 1862," and appointing the Hour of 2. P.M. this day for holding the same was received, and, The House of Assembly met the Council in conference accordingly.

It was agreed that the Bill should be sent down to the House of Assembly for reconsideration on certain points agreed upon.

The Council then adjourned until Monday the 19th Instant, at 12. o'Clock P.M.

Monday, the 19th day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A communication from the House of Assembly transmitting the following Resolution,

Whereas a supposition exists that persons commonly known as the Heads of Departments possess a vested interest in, and by virtue of their Office, and that upon any change in the system of Government, such persons will be entitled to a Pension or other emolument on account of such presumed vested interest; and

Whereas an alteration in the System of Government may take place and it is expedient to remove such aforesaid erroneous impression.

The House orders that all persons now holding Acting Appointments and all persons who may be appointed to any Office under the Government, shall not possess any vested interest whatever in, or by virtue of such Office or Appointment, and that the Legislative Assembly will not hold itself responsible or make any grant for the payment of any Pension or Emolument whatsoever on account of any supposed vested interest in any Office or Appointment.

was received, and ordered to be taken into consideration at a future day.

An Act intituled "An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of Forty thousand Pounds (£40,000.) on the Security of the General Revenue of the said Colony"; was received from the House of Assembly, and read a first time.

An Act intituled "An Act to enable the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000.) upon the Security of the General Revenue of the Colony," was received from the House of Assembly, and read a first time.

It was moved, seconded, and carried

That His Excellency The Governor be respectfully requested to furnish the Council with a copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the Victoria Harbor Act, 1860.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 22nd Instant at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 22nd day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency The Governor enclosing the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of "The Victoria Harbor Act 1860," was received, and Ordered to be acknowledged with thanks.

It was ordered that "An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds" and "An Act to authorize The Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to Erect a Powder Magazine for the custody of Gunpowder, and to regulate the Sale Storage and Keeping of Gunpowder," which had been sent up from the House of Assembly, should be returned to the House with a request that the sections thereof be numbered, and abstracted.

It was ordered that a conference be requested with The House of Assembly on the subject of "An Act to authorize The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of (£40,000.) on the Security of the General Revenue of the said Colony," and "An Act to enable The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of (£15,000.) upon the Security of the General Revenue of the said Colony."

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 26th Instant at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Tuesday, the 26th day of August, 1862

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, this day.

Present: The Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The House of Assembly met the Council in Conference according to request, and

It was agreed that the two Loan Bills, namely,

1. "An Act to authorize The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of £40,000. on the Security of the General Revenue of the said Colony," and

2. "An Act to enable The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of £15,000. upon the security of the General Revenue of the Colony,"

should be returned to the House of Assembly for Amendment.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 29th Instant at 3. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 29th day of August, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds,” and “An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to erect a Powder Magazine for the custody of Gunpowder and to regulate the Sale, storage, and keeping of Gunpowder,” received from The House of Assembly, with Marginal Abstracts inserted, were respectively read a first time.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 3rd of September at 3. o’Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 3rd day of September, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A Communication from the House of Assembly was received, enclosing the following Bills,

1. “An Act to authorize The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of Forty thousand Pounds (£40,000.) on the security of the General Revenue of the Colony.”

2. “An Act to enable The Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds (£15,000.) upon the security of the General Revenue of the Colony.”

which were respectively read a second time.

“An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds,” was read a second time.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to erect a Powder Magazine for the Custody of Gunpowder; and to regulate the sale, storage, and keeping of Gunpowder,” was read a second time.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 5th Instant at 2.30 P.M.

[Memo:] 3rd September, 1862. “An Act for the Preservation of Game” was received from the House of Assembly, with amendments—and said Amendments were agreed to by the Council.

(signed) Joseph Porter
Acting Clerk of the Council.

Friday, the 5th day of September, 1862

The Council met this day according to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, President, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds (£40,000.) on the security of the General Revenue of the said Colony,” was read a third time, and passed.

“An Act to enable the Governor of Vancouver Island to borrow the Sum of Fifteen thousand pounds (£15,000.) upon the security of the General Revenue of the said Colony,” was read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Alston gave notice of a Motion to the following effect, vizt.

“Whereas under the provisions of the Victoria Road, and Harbour Loan Act 1862, amongst other things, it is intended to expend the sum of Eighteen thousand Pounds (£18,000.) on the improvement of Victoria Harbor,” Resolved

1. “That the Council cannot but view with alarm the expenditure of so large a sum of money for the purpose proposed, and they venture to express a hope that the greatest caution will be used, so that the Revenues of the Colony may not be found to have been appropriated to an object producing only a doubtful, and temporary benefit.”

2. “That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency The Governor, and to The House of Assembly.”

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 16th Instant at 2.30 P.M.

Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, President, David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Alston moved a Resolution of which he had given notice at last Meeting of Council, which after discussion was lost.

Mr. Alston asked leave to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of the Harbors of Vancouver Island.

Leave having been given, the Bill was brought in, and read a first time.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to erect a Powder Magazine, for the custody of Gunpowder and to regulate the sale, storage, and keeping of Gunpowder” then passed to a Committee of the whole and the following amendments were made, vizt.

Clause I—At line 12—after the word “Colony” add “Provided always that such Powder Magazine shall not be erected on any point within Laurel point in the Harbor of Victoria.”

Clause VI—At lines 3 and 4, strike out the words “Twelve shillings and six pence” and insert “sixteen Shillings and eight pence” in lieu thereof.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 19th Instant at 2.30 P.M.

Friday the 19th day of September, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, President, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to erect a Powder Magazine, for the custody of Gunpowder; and to regulate the sale, storage, and keeping of Gunpowder,” was taken up in Committee, and the following amendments were made.

Clause VIII—At line 5, strike out the word “Tons” and insert “pounds” in lieu thereof.

Clause X—At line 28—After the word “be” insert “conveyed.” At line 57—after the word “persons”—insert “under a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace” as is hereinafter “prescribed.”

Clause XIV. At line [blank] strike out the word “hereinafter” and insert “hereinbefore” in lieu thereof.

After Clause XV—insert new Clause XVI—“Short Title.” “This Act may be cited as ‘The Gunpowder Act, 1862.’”

The Bill was then brought up read a third time and passed.

“A Bill for the regulation of the Harbors of Vancouver Island” was read a second time.

The Council then adjourned till Tuesday the 23rd instant at 2.30 P.M.

Tuesday, the 23rd day of September, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Presdt., David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read.

It was ordered that an alteration be made therein with regard to Clause VIII of the “Powder Magazine Act” and that the said Clause should be amended at line 5 by striking out the word “Tons” and inserting “pounds” in lieu thereof.

The Minutes were then confirmed.

“An Act for the regulation of the Harbors of Vancouver Island,” was read a third time, and passed.

“An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on writings and Deeds,” was then considered in Committee.

The Committee rose, and reported progress—and Mr. Alston gave notice of a Motion to the following effect

“That in order to provide employment to some extent for those emigrants who have already arrived, and for those who are expected in the Colony, The Government should, if possible, commence without delay, by means of the Loan already authorized to be made the construction of such Public Works, and especially Roads, as may be deemed most urgently required.”

“That a Copy of the above Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency The Governor, and to the House of Assembly.”

The Council then adjourned until Thursday the 25th Instant, at 2.30 P.M.

Thursday, the 25th day of September, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Alston moved the Resolution of which he had given notice at last Meeting, and which, having been seconded by Mr. Watson, was agreed to.

The consideration of “An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writing and Deeds,” was resumed in Committee.

The Committee rose, and reported progress—and,

The Council adjourned until Friday, October 3rd, at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 3rd day of October, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson President, David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The consideration of “An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds”—was resumed in Committee.

The Committee rose, and reported progress.

Mr. Watson asked leave to bring in a Bill “To prohibit Sunday Trading.”

Granted.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 10th Instant at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 10th day of October, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading,” was brought in by Mr. Watson, and read a first time.

The consideration of “An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds,” was resumed in Committee, and the following Amendments were agreed to, vizt.

Clause II—At line 10—strike out “and one penny.”

At line 12, strike out “and two-pence.”

At line 14, strike out “and four pence.”

At line 16, strike out “and sixpence.”

At lines 18, & 19, strike out “and eight pence.”

At line 21, strike out “and sixpence.”

Clause IV—At line 10, after the word “impressed” strike out “either”.

Clause VIII—At line 4, strike out the figures “1861”—and insert “1860” in lieu thereof.

Clause IX—At line 14, Strike out the words “the same” and insert “a Stamp” in lieu thereof.

Clause XII—Insert marginal Abstract “Consideration to be expressed on Instrument.”

At lines 3, and 4—strike out the words “heritable or moveable.”

Clause XVII—At line 60—after the word “Instrument” insert “other than a”.

Clause XVIII Strike out Proviso—commencing at line 55, “Provided always” down to the word “accordingly” at line 120—inclusive.

Clause XIX. At lines 11 & 12, strike out the word “continuance”—and insert “contrivance”—in lieu thereof.

Clause XXI. At line 46, strike out the figures “1861,” and insert “1860,”—in lieu thereof.

Schedules

A—At lines 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14—Strike out the words “provided the same be not expressed to be received of or by the hands of any other than the person to whom the same is to be accounted for.”

C—At line 1—Insert the word “every”—before “agreement.”

At lines 1, 2, 3, & 4—Strike out the words “or any minute, or memorandum made in Vancouver Island, or its Dependencies, under hand only.”

D—At line 4, Strike out the words “not exceeding”—and insert “under” in lieu thereof.

At lines 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9. respectively strike out the word “exceeding.”

At line 4, strike out 1d.
 „ 5— „ „ 2d.
 „ 6— „ „ 4d.
 „ 7— „ „ 6d.
 „ 8— „ „ 6d.
 „ 9— „ „ 1s.
 „ 11— „ „ 1d.
 „ 45— „ „ 4d.

E—At line 3—Strike out the word “renunciation.”

„ At lines 8 & 9, strike out the words “heritable or moveable.”

At line 25—strike out the words “not exceed” and insert “be under” in lieu thereof.

„ From lines 26, 28, 30, 32 & 34, respectively strike out the words “and when the same shall exceed.”

At line 25—strike out “1d.”

„ „ 27— „ „ “2d.”
 „ „ 29— „ „ “4d.”
 „ „ 31— „ „ “6d.”
 „ „ 33— „ „ “6d.”
 „ „ 35— „ „ “1s.”
 „ „ 37, „ „ “6d.”

F—At line 11, strike out the word “quit” and insert “quiet” in lieu thereof.

At line 19—strike out the figures “8s. 4d.” and the word “and.”

At lines 20 and 21, strike out the words “is payable the ad valorem duty also”—and insert “on the purchase money or consideration, or on the mortgage money, shall not exceed the sum of 8s/ a duty equal to the amount of such ad valorem duty¹³—and where the same shall exceed that amount 8s/.”

Strike out from line 22—commencing with the word “covenant” to line 79—ending with the word “charged”—both inclusive.

G. At line 5, Strike out “2d.”

H—At line 1—After the word “tenements” insert “or.”

„ „ 2—Strike out the words “or heritable subjects.”

„ „ 9—After the word “tenements” insert “or.”

„ „ 10—Strike out the words “or heritable subjects.”

„ „ 13, Strike out the words “not exceed” and insert “be under” in lieu thereof.

At lines 15, 17, 19, & 21—respectively strike out the words “and where the same shall exceed.”

At line 16, Strike out “1d.”

„ „ 18, „ „ “2d.”
 „ „ 20— „ „ “6d.”
 „ „ 22, „ „ “1s.”

„ Strike out from line 25—Commencing with the words “Lease of any” to line 117—ending with “the Lessor”—both inclusive.

¹³ Original has closed quotation marks here also, but the meaning is unclear.

I—At line 3—Strike out the words “heritable or moveable.”

At lines 17 & 18, strike out the words “Letter of reversion”—“back bond.”

At line 38, Strike out the words “not exceeding”—and insert “under” in lieu thereof.

From the commencement of lines 39, 40, 41, 42, & 43, respectively—strike out the word “exceeding.”

At line 38—strike out “1d.”

” ” 39— ” ” “2d.”

” ” 40— ” ” “4d.”

” ” 41— ” ” “6d.”

” ” 42— ” ” “6d.”

” ” 43— ” ” “1d.”

” ” 45, ” ” “6d.”

At lines 82, 83, 84, & 85—Strike out the words “of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Bank of Ireland, or of the East India Company, or of the South Sea Company, or.”

At line 86, Strike out the word “other.”

” ” 131— ” ” “6d.”

” ” 139, After the word “assignment” insert “or.”

” ” 139, Strike out the words “or assignment.”

” ” 141, Strike out “6d.”

” ” 183, ” ” “6d.”

” ” 208— ” ” “4d.”

K—At line 2, Strike out the words “or heritable subjects.”

” ” 14, Strike out the word “tack.”

” ” 19, Strike out “4d.”

L. ” ” 8 & 9, Strike out the words “or heritable subjects.”

” ” 11—Strike out the words “or heritable subjects.”

L.—At lines 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19, Strike out the words “of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Bank of Ireland, or of the East India Company, or of South Sea Company, or.”

At line 19—Strike out the word “other.”

” ” 35, ” ” “2d.”

” ” 36, ” ” “6d.”

M. At lines 12, 13, 14, 15, & 16, Strike out the words “of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or of the Bank of Ireland, or of the East India Company, or of the South Sea Company, or.”

At line 16, Strike out the word “other.”

The Bill was then brought up, and ordered to be read a third time at next Meeting.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday the 15th Instant, at 2. o’Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 15th October, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, an alteration was ordered to be made therein.

“An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds,” was read a third time, and passed.

“An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading,” was read a second time.

Mr. Watson asked leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Currency.

Leave having been granted, “The Currency Act 1862” was introduced by Mr. Watson, and read a first time.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday the 22nd Instant at 2. P.M.

Wednesday, the 22nd day of October, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Presdt., David Cameron, C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“The Currency Act 1862” was read a third time and passed.

“An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860” and “An Act to encrease the number of Representatives for Victoria Town District, and to alter the limits of the said District,” were received from the House of Assembly, and respectively read a first time.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 21st Instant at 2. o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 21st day of November, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Honbles. Roderick Finlayson Presdt., David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

“An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860,” was brought up for second reading—when it was ordered that this Bill be returned to the House of Assembly in order that the Sections may [be] numbered, and abstracted.

“An Act to encrease the Number of Representatives for Victoria Town District, and to alter the limits of the said District,” was read a Second time, and the following Amendment was proposed, seconded, and agreed to,

Clause V—At line 7—after the figures “1862,” insert the words “or in any Schedule to any Act amending the same.”

“An Act to authorize the Governor of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to erect a Powder Magazine for the custody of Gunpowder, and to regulate the sale, storage and keeping of Gunpowder”—which has been amended, and passed in Council on the 19th of September and sent down to The House of Assembly on the same day, was returned from the House with the following Minute appended—

Legislative Assembly.

The House agrees to all the amendments of the Honorable Council save and except the one—That twelve shillings and sixpence be altered to sixteen shillings and eight pence;—which the House declines taking into consideration, the same being subversive of the Rights, and Privileges of the Assembly.

Upon the Bill coming up for consideration The Council decided to insist on the Amendment which has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly and a Message was ordered to be sent to the House of Assembly to that effect, and stating that the Council is unable to see how such an Amendment can be subversive of the Rights and Privileges of the House of Assembly.

“An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trades Licenses” was received from the House of Assembly, and read a first time.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday the 3rd December at 1. o’Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson Presdt., David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The following Communication from His Excellency the Governor was received—

Victoria,
15th November 1862

To—The President and Members of the Honorable The Legislative Council
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th September, transmitting a Resolution of the Council relative to the employment of Emigrants in the construction of public Works, and the same shall receive my early, and best attention.

(signed) James Douglas
Governor

A communication was also received from the Colonial Treasurer, requesting to be furnished with a detailed Estimate of the probable Income and Expenditure of the Council for the year to commence 1st January 1863.

“An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trades licences,” and “An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860,” were respectively read a second time and ordered to be committed.

“An Act to encrease the Number of Representatives for Victoria Town District and to alter the limits of the said District,” was read a third time, and passed as amended.

The Council then adjourned until Friday the 5th Instant at 1 o’Clock P.M.

Friday, the 5th day of December, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The following Communication was received from the House of Assembly—

House of Assembly
December 5th 1862.

To The President and Gentlemen of The Honorable The Legislative Council—
Gentlemen

I am to inform your Honorable Council, with reference to your Communication to the House of Assembly of the 21st ultimo, insisting on the Amendments made to the “Gunpowder Act 1862,” that the House ask a conference on the subject thereof.

I have &c.
(sgd.) E. J. Nesbitt
Actg. Clerk
House of Assembly.

It was ordered that a conference be granted, to take place on Monday the 8th Instant at 1 o’Clock P.M.

The Council authorized the Clerk to transmit to the Colonial Treasurer, in reply to the communication received on the 3rd Instant, an Estimate of the probable Expenditure of the Council for the year commencing 1st January 1863, as follows—

Salary to Clerk of the Council	£100—
Office contingencies	50—
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Total	£150—

“An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860,” was then considered in Committee.

Clauses I to XI—agreed to.

Schedule A—In Clause XII to be placed at the end of Clause XI—and the following alterations made in it—

In 3rd Column—Strike out the word “amount” and insert “description” in lieu thereof—and after the word “situated” add “Town or District.”

In 4th Column Strike out the word "admeasurements" and form two columns thus:

No. of Block on Sec:	No. of Lot.
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Clauses XIII to XV agreed to.

The Council then adjourned to Monday the 8th Instant, at 12. o'Clock P.M.

Monday, the 8th day of December, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A conference was held with the House of Assembly on the subject of the Powder Magazine Act 1862.

Present: Messrs. Tolmie, Burnaby, Franklin, Trimble, Cocker.

The Manager on the part of the House of Assembly insisted that the amendment to the Bill was disagreed to on the ground that the fee imposed by the Council amendment for the Storage of Gunpowder was too high: and that the original one would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the Magazine.

The Council agreed to waive their amendment on the ground offered by the House of Assembly in the conference, vizt. that the sum of twelve shillings and sixpence per ton per month for storage, would be sufficient to meet the expenses of the proposed Magazine.

The consideration of the "Real Estate Tax Amendment Act 1862" was then resumed in Committee—

Clause XVI—At line 5—after the word "thereto" insert together with a "true copy thereof."

Clauses XVII to XXIV—agreed to.

Clause XXV—In the form of Notice between columns 2 & 3, insert a column headed "Town or District."

Clauses XXVI to XXXIV, agreed to.

Clause XXXV At line 11—after the word "is"—insert "or are."

Clause XXXVI—agreed to.

Clauses—XXXVII and XXXVIII, not agreed to, as necessitating the keeping of provisional accounts, and tending to embarrass the collection of the Revenue.

Clauses XXXIX to XLIII, agreed to.

The further consideration of the Bill was then postponed; and,

“An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trades Licenses” was taken up in Committee—

Clauses I to XX—agreed to.

Clause XXI—At line 3, after the word “completed”—insert “and arranged in Alphabetical Order of surnames.”

At lines 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8—strike out the words “The Treasurer shall thereupon make a Copy of every such roll arranged in Alphabetical order of surnames, and shall cause the Sheriff to post up such Copy in” and insert “the said Assessor shall thereupon make true copies thereof, and publish the same by posting them up in not less than.”

Clause XXII to XXXVI, agreed to.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday the 11th Instant at 12. o’Clock P.M.

Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. David Cameron C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

Communications were received from the House of Assembly enclosing—

1. “An Act to encrease the number of Representatives for Victoria Town District and to alter the limits of the said District.”

2. “An Act to authorize The Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies to erect a Powder Magazine for the Custody of Gunpowder and to regulate the sale, Storage, and keeping of Gunpowder.”

3. “An Act to establish a decimal system of accounts in the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies”

which had been severally agreed to in the House of Assembly.

Mr. Watson handed in a protest against the passage of the Stamp Act which was ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

Protest

I Alexander Watson, hereby protest against the passage of An Act intituled “An Act to impose certain Stamp Duties on Writings and Deeds” on the ground that the Machinery proposed by the Bill is totally inadequate to insure the collection of the Tax.

(sgd.) Alexander Watson

The Bill was then brought up as amended by the House of Assembly—read a third time, and passed.

The consideration of “An Act to amend the Real Estate Tax Act 1860,” was then resumed in Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Cameron at Clause XLIV—at line 13, after the words “liable to pay the same”—the remainder of the Clause be struck out.

Also that Sections XLV, XLVI, XLVII, XLVIII, XLIX, L, LI, LII, LIII, LIV, LV, and LVI be struck out.

The Motion not being seconded, These Sections were then passed—as also Section LVII—to the end of the Bill.

The Council then resumed its [sitting] and the Standing Orders having been suspended, the Bill was ordered to be read a third time and passed—Mr. Cameron dissenting thereto.

The consideration of “An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting Trades Licences” was then resumed in Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Cameron: Clause XXXVII—At line 3—after the words “Ten days” strike out “the Sheriff shall” and insert “it shall be lawful for the Treasurer to authorize the Sheriff by a Warrant under his hand and seal to.” Seconded by Mr. Watson, and agreed to.

Clauses XXXVIII, XXXIX, XL—agreed to.

„ XLI, (Form H omitted in Schedule).

„ XLII, XLIII, XLIV—agreed to.

„ XLV—(Form J omitted in Schedule).

„ XLVI—(Form K omitted in Schedule).

„ XLVII—agreed to.

The Council then resumed its sitting and the Standing Orders having been suspended the Bill was ordered to be read a third time and passed.

The attention of the House of Assembly was ordered to be directed to the omission of the Forms H, J, and K in Schedule to the “Trades Licenses Amendment Act.”

The Council then adjourned until Monday the 22nd Instant at 1.30 P.M.

Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1862

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson Presdt., David Cameron, C.J., E. Graham Alston, Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The Members of Council attended His Excellency The Governor to The House of Assembly for the purpose of being present at the Prorogation of the House.

The Members of the House of Assembly being in their places, His Excellency took possession of the Speaker's Chair and addressed the Legislative Bodies as follows—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of The Legislative Assembly.

In closing this Session of the Legislature, it affords me great pleasure to convey to you my warmest acknowledgments for the anxious, and careful attention with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties; and I may add the result of your deliberations cannot fail to be satisfactory to the people of the Colony.

The Moneys which you have granted for Public Works are now being laid out in improving the Main Roads leading into the settled Districts about Victoria, and in forming a road-way through Cowichan, and Nanaimo, to the Comax Settlement; for the purpose of connecting those Districts by a practicable overland communication with each other, and with Victoria.

Measures are also in progress for improving the Harbor of Victoria, a work which has been unavoidably delayed by financial arrangements.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly;

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the service of the year, and for the purpose of carrying into effect the several objects of public utility which were set forth in the Estimates.

Honorable Gentlemen of The Legislative Council, and of The Legislative Assembly:

I have to congratulate you on the thriving state of Trade; the encrease of Population; the growing value of fixed property; the large demand for agricultural produce; the state of the Public Revenue; and on the generally satisfactory condition of the Colony, which I trust will with the blessing of God, continue to prosper.

I now prorogue this Parliament.

The Honorable Chief Justice Cameron then said,

Gentlemen of The House of Assembly, I have the honor, by command of His Excellency The Governor, to announce that this Parliament stands prorogued until Friday the 2nd day of January next.

His Excellency The Governor, attended by the Members of Council then withdrew and the Council adjourned until Friday 2nd January 1863.

Friday, the 2nd day of January, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Presidt., David Cameron C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The Members of Council attended His Excellency The Governor to the House of Assembly, for the purpose of being present at the opening of the fourth Session of Parliament.

The Members of the House having assembled, His Excellency took possession of the Speaker's chair, and addressed the Legislative Bodies as follows—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of The House of Assembly—

The requirements of the public service have rendered it necessary to call you together again at this time, after an unusually brief respite from your Legislative duties.

The business which I have to press upon your attention is the consideration of the Estimates intended for the Service of the current year—and also of certain Acts for enabling companies properly constituted to acquire the land necessary for their operations.

The importance of such measures in their present bearings on the employment of labor, and on the prospective interests of the Colony is so well known and so generally recognized, that I feel assured no unnecessary delay will occur in their passage through the Legislature.

Government will have to extend its fostering care to the recently formed settlement at Cowichan, and Comax; to provide for their protection and security, and to furnish such aid as may be deemed advisable for their secular, and religious instruction of the Settlers in those Districts.

It affords me great satisfaction to state that the Returns received from the Land Office shew that there is a rapidly increasing demand for the acquisition of Land within the Colony: the areas conveyed by *sale*, and occupied under the pre-emption Act, *without purchaser*, for the year 1862, being about ninety per cent in excess of the quantities sold and otherwise conveyed in 1861.

I may also allude to the gratifying circumstance that a highly respectable English Association is about to form a Settlement at Quatseeno on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. They propose to open mines of coal, to establish fisheries, to embark largely in the export of Deals, and Ships Spars—and in other branches of Trade that promise remunerative employment for capital. I will make no comment on the character of an Enterprise of such obvious importance to the progress of the Colony. I shall not fail to extend to it all the protection, and encouragement in my power, and I trust it may prove completely successful, and fully realize the hopes of its spirited projectors.

I will again call the attention of the Legislature to the great importance of providing for a Geological Survey of the Colony; a measure well calculated to develop its true interests and resources.

The mountain ranges which now so unprofitably occupy a large portion of the Island are with good reason supposed to abound in valuable minerals: when that fact is demonstrated by carefully conducted scientific explorations, a new era will dawn upon the Colony, and sources of wealth will be laid open which must eventually place it at the summit of material prosperity.

Assistance will be asked from the House for the purpose of carrying that object into effect and also for encouraging the taking of Cod and other fish on the coasts of the Island; and as a means of stimulating Trade, and settlement, I shall propose a small grant to be employed in subsidizing a Steam vessel to ply at stated intervals between Comox, and Victoria, touching at Cowichan, Salt Spring, Nanaimo, and the other intermediate settlements.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The Estimates for the year will shortly be laid before you, wherein I have provided for the various services before alluded to, and for other services not herein specially noticed.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of the House of Assembly,

A Bill to legalize the collection of small debts, and to reduce the costs, and modify the present procedure, will, together with other measures, be introduced and submitted in course of the Session for your consideration.

A Communication was received from the House of Assembly dated the twenty-third of December eighteen hundred and sixty two enclosing

“An Act for consolidating in one Act, certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the making of Railways”, and

“An Act, consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the taking of Lands for undertakings of a public nature.”

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the sixth day of January eighteen hundred and sixty three.

Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Honbles. Roderick Finlayson, Presdt., David Cameron C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A Committee was appointed to draw up Standing Orders vizt. Honble. E. G. Alston, and Honble. Alexander Watson.

The Council then adjourned until Thursday 22nd of January, 1863.

Thursday, the 22nd day of January, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. Roderick Finlayson Presdt., David Cameron, C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Watson gave notice that at next Meeting of Council he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to the Speech.

Communications were received from the House of Assembly enclosing:

1. "An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading."
2. "An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting the repair, improvement, and regulation of Roads in Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies."

The following Acts were read a first time:

"An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways."

"An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the taking of Lands for undertakings of a public nature."

"An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading" and,

"An Act to repeal and amend the Laws affecting the repair, improvement, and regulation of Roads in Vancouver Island and its Dependencies."

The Council then adjourned until Monday, 26th January, 1863.

Monday, the 26th day of January, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment, at 1. o'Clock P.M.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., Alexander Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The Council considered the Subject of the Appointment of a Clerk in the room of the late Joseph Porter Esqre. and unanimously appointed Mr. E. J. Nesbitt to perform the duties, at a Salary of one hundred pounds per annum.

The following Address to the Governor in reply to His Excellency's Speech on the occasion of the opening of the fourth Session of the present Parliament.

To His Excellency James Douglas Esquire Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Vancouver Island.

May it please your Excellency

The Legislative Council begs to acknowledge Your Excellency's Speech on the occasion of the opening of the fourth Session of this present Parliament.

The Council begs respectfully to congratulate Your Excellency on the continued prosperity of the Colony arising out of the increase in population and Capital; and the increased demand for Agricultural lands, and the Council desires to assure Your Excellency, that the business which Your Excellency has been pleased to submit to the Legislature, will be carried through this Branch of the Legislature with all possible despatch consistent with the importance of the measures.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday 28th January at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1863

A quorum of Members not being present there was no Meeting.

Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1863

The Council met this day at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A Petition from George A. Walker [Walkem] praying to be admitted to practice Law in the Colony, was read, and ordered to be laid on the table.

"The Act to prohibit Sunday Trading" was read a second time, and ordered to be amended as follows:

That the following clause be inserted immediately after the preamble,

"That no Tradesman, Artificer, Workman, laborer, or other person whatsoever shall do, or exercise any worthy labor, business, or work of his ordinary calling, upon the Lord's day, or any part thereof (works of necessity or charity only excepted) and that every person of the age of fourteen years, or upwards, offending in the premises, shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of five pounds, to be recovered in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace."

2. That the words "nor to Butchers, Bakers, or Fishmongers" be struck out. The following Acts were read a second time—

1. "An Act consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the taking of lands for undertaking of a public nature."

2. "An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways."

3. An Act to repeal the laws affecting the repair, improvement and regulation of roads in Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies.

The Council then adjourned till Wednesday 4th February.

Wednesday, the 4th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day at 3. oClock P.M.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron, C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

The Council adjourned until Friday next 6th Instant.

Friday, the 6th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment, but a quorum of Members not being present, there was no Meeting.

Monday, the 9th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day at 2. oClock.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, Presdt., D. Cameron, C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A communication was received from the House of Assembly dated February 4th 1863 enclosing "An Act to amend the Alien Act 1861."

"An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading"—was further amended as follows. In the last line, insert betwixt the words "Trading" and "Act"—the word "prohibition," whereupon the Act was read a third time, and passed as amended.

"An Act consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the taking of lands for undertakings of a public nature" was amended as follows—

Clause 10—to be struck out.

Clauses 19 and 20, to be struck out.

It was then ordered that the Bill be engrossed, and brought up for a third reading at the next meeting.

“An Act for consolidating in one Act, certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the making of Railways” was amended as follows,

In Clause 12, strike out “114th.”

The Act was then ordered to be engrossed, and brought up for a third reading.

Mr. G. A. Walker's Petition was then considered, and the Clerk was ordered to inform Mr. Walker that the Standing Orders of the Council do not admit of his Petition being considered during the present Session of the Legislature.

“An Act to amend the Alien Act 1861” was read a first time.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday 11th February at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 11th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day in pursuance of adjournment.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The following Acts were read a third time, and passed.

“An Act for consolidating in one Act, certain provisions, usually inserted in Acts—authorizing the making of Railways.”

“An Act for consolidating in one Act, certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the taking of Lands for undertakings of a public nature.”

“A Bill for the regulation of the Harbors of Vancouver Island,” was received from the House of Assembly, and read a first time.

The Council then adjourned till Friday, February 13th at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Friday, the 13th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

A communication was received from the House of Assembly transmitting a “Bill for constituting Inferior Courts of Civil Justice in Vancouver Island and its Dependencies.”

“A Bill for constituting Inferior Courts of Civil Justice in Vancouver Island and its Dependencies”—was read a first time, whereupon Mr. Cameron gave notice of amendment.

“A Bill for the regulation of the Harbors of Vancouver Island”—was read a second time, also a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday, 18th February 1863 at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Wednesday, the 18th day of February, 1863

A quorum of Members not being present there was no Meeting.

Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1863

The Council met this day.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

Communications from the House of Assembly were received, transmitting:

1. "An Act to declare the denominations to be used in the various Stamps used under the Stamp Act 1862."

2. "An Act to apply the Sum of Twenty five thousand, seven hundred and five Dollars, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, for the payment of certain salaries and expenses for the service of the year 1863."

3. "An Act to apply the sum of Two hundred and forty seven thousand, two hundred and twenty five Dollars, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies for the Service of the year 1863."

4. "An Act to grant a supplemental Supply of Twenty four thousand, one hundred and twenty nine Dollars for the service of the year 1863"—and,

5. "An Act to declare the fees, licenses, and dues payable for the Entrance, and clearance of Vessels, and for permits for landing goods, and for licenses to Scows, boats and other small craft in the Ports of Entry in Vancouver Island, other than Victoria, and Esquimalt"

which were read a first time.

"An Act to prohibit Sunday Trading" was received from the House of Assembly, together with a Message as follows, "The Amendments made by your Honorable Council thereto were not agreed to by the House of Assembly" which was ordered to be laid on the table.

"An Act for consolidating in one Act certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the taking of Lands for undertakings of a public nature," was received from the House of Assembly, amended as follows—

In Clause seven, line eight, insert the words "Chief Justice" in lieu of "Surveyor General," which amendment was agreed to.

"An Act for consolidating in one Act, certain provisions usually inserted in Acts, authorizing the making of Railroads," was received from the House of Assembly amended as follows—

In Clause thirteen, lines three and four, insert the words "Chief Justice" in lieu of "Surveyor General," which amendment was concurred in.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday 24th February 1863, at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read, and confirmed.

“An Act entitled an Act to declare the validity of the Debentures issued by the Municipal Council, and the mode of enforcing the payment of the Assessment, Licenses, fines, and penalties directed to be assessed, and levied by the Bye Laws passed by the Municipal Council, by virtue of the ‘Victoria Incorporation Act 1862’,” was received from the House of Assembly, and read a first time.

The Standing Orders of the Council were suspended, and the Bill was read a second time and considered in Committee.

The following Amendments were then agreed to

In the pre-amble, after the word “Act,” insert “and it is expedient to remove the same”.

That Section 3 to 23 be struck out, and that Section 24 be numbered Section 3, and that Clause 25 be numbered Clause 4.

Clause 26, to be struck out.

Clause 27, shall be numbered.

Clause 5—and amended, by striking out the word “amendment”—and inserting “debenture.”

The Title—After the word “Council,” strike out all the words following and insert “of Victoria”.

In the Schedule, between the words “Incorporation” and “Act,” insert the word “Debenture”—(on the sixth line.)

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The “Stamp Act 1863” was read a second time, and considered in Committee. The following amendments were agreed to—

Preamble—Strike out “certain equivalents in Dollars, and cents, are declared in respect of Sterling money”—and insert in lieu thereof “the money of account of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, has been altered to Dollars and cents.”

After the word “expedient” insert the words “that the Stamps to be issued under the said Stamp Act shall correspond in denomination with the present legal money of account, and whereas the values of said Stamps should be declared equivalent to the values intended to be levied under the Stamp Act aforesaid.”

Clause 1—after the word “Stamps” insert the words “to be provided by the Treasurer under the provisions of the Stamp Act, 1862, shall be held to be equivalent, for the purposes of this Act, to the values in Dollars and cents mentioned in the Schedule A of this Act.”

After Clause II—insert the following schedule—

Schedule A

Sterling.		Dollars & Cents
£0.0.2½	equal to	0.05
0.2.0	„ „	0.50
0.4.0	„ „	1.00
0.8.0	„ „	2.00
0.12.0	„ „	3.00
0.16.0	„ „	4.00
1.0.0	„ „	5.00

The following Bills were read a second time.

“An Act to apply the Sum of \$25,705 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, for the payment of certain Salaries, and Expenses, for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty three.”

“An Act to apply the sum of Two hundred and forty seven thousand, two hundred, and twenty five Dollars, out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island, and its Dependencies, to the service of the year One thousand, eight hundred and sixty three.”

“An Act to grant a Supplemental Supply of Twenty four thousand, one hundred, and twenty nine Dollars, and fifty three cents, for the service of the year One thousand, eight hundred, and sixty three,” and

“An Act to declare the fees, licenses, and dues payable for the entrance, and clearance of vessels, and for permits for landing goods, and for licenses to Scows, boats, and other Small Craft, in the Ports of Entry in Vancouver Island, other than Victoria, and Esquimalt.”

The Standing Orders of the Council were then suspended, and the following Bills were read a third time, and passed—

“Supply Bill for twenty five thousand, seven hundred and five Dollars.”

“Supply Bill for two hundred and forty seven thousand two hundred and twenty five Dollars.”

“Supplementary Supply Bill for twenty four thousand, one hundred and twenty nine Dollars and fifty three cents.”

“An Act to declare the fees, licences, and dues payable for the entrance and clearance of Vessels, and for permits for landing goods, and for Licenses to Scows, Boats and other Small Craft, in the Ports of entry in Vancouver Island, other than Victoria, and Esquimalt.”

“An Act to declare the denominations to be used in the various Stamps issued under the Stamp Act 1862.”

The Council then adjourned until Friday 26th February at 2. oClock P.M.

Friday, the 26th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day at 3. o'Clock.

Present: Honbles. D. Cameron C.J., E. G. Alston, A. Watson.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

The Council granted a conference to the House of Assembly on the subject of Council Amendments to the "Victoria Incorporation Act 1863."

The Gentlemen of the House of Assembly having retired, The Council agreed to abide by their amendments, and instructed the Clerk to communicate their decision to Mr. Speaker.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow at 2. o'Clock P.M.

Saturday, the 27th day of February, 1863

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Honbles. R. Finlayson, President, D. Cameron C.J., A. Watson.

A Communication was received from the House of Assembly assenting to the Council Amendments to the "Victoria Incorporation [Debenture] Act 1863."

The Council then accompanied His Excellency to the House of Assembly, for the purpose of being present at the prorogation of Parliament.

His Excellency delivered the following speech—

Honorable Gentlemen, and, Gentlemen,

It affords me great satisfaction to inform you that I have received [a communication] from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies signifying Her Majesty's approval of the V.I. Road, and Harbor Act which authorizes the Governor to contract a Loan, not exceeding £40,000—for the purpose of constructing Roads, and improving Victoria Harbor.

Her Majesty's assent to this measure having removed the only obstacle to these important works, no time will be lost in their vigorous prosecution.

With that view, it is proposed to obtain a Steam Dredge, and to commence as soon as possible the work of excavating, and deepening the Harbor.

I am happy to inform you that the Colony is everywhere in a state of profound tranquility. The Native Indian Tribes continue to manifest the most friendly disposition, and to [express] sentiments of the truest loyalty, and attachment to Her Majesty's Government.

As the powers of the Legislature will soon legally terminate, it is my intention to dissolve the present House, and to issue Writs for a new election.

In releasing you from the Labors of the Session, I desire to convey to you my sincere thanks for the zeal, and attention, with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your Legislative duties.

Many wise, and useful Laws have been passed since you were first assembled, and that period has been signalised in no common degree, by the blessings of successful industry, prosperity, and abundance.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

I have also to thank you for the Supply which you have granted for the service of the year.

The money will be applied with due care, and economy, towards the ordinary expenses of the Government and in carrying on the public works, which are so essential to the progress, and prosperity of the Colony.

The Chief Justice then said,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, I have the honour by command of His Excellency The Governor, to announce that this Parliament stands prorogued to Saturday the 28th day of February Instant.¹⁴

¹⁴ By Proclamation dated 28 February 1863, Governor Douglas dissolved the House of Assembly and issued writs for a new election. The Council, as such, did not meet again but was reconstituted as an Executive Council and Legislative Council in accordance with Douglas' instructions of 8 October 1862.
