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### Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Franklin, McClure, Dennes, De Cosmos, and Drs. Dickson, Powell.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Ordered That Petition by C. B. Young Esqre. against the return of L. McClure Esqre. as Member elect (13th Feby. 1865) for the City of Victoria be referred to the "General Committee on Elections."

The House then took under consideration and agreed to certain Amendments by the Honble. The Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860" with the exception of the [following] Amendment.

Strike out the words "or to any Notary Public practising" which was not agreed to—the House adhering to the original text of the Bill.

And in lieu of the word "Colony" at the end of the line insert the word "Country." The House agreed to this Amendment, but further amended the Amendment by the Honble. the Council by the insertion thereafter of the words "duly certified to be a Notary Public by some British Ambassador Chargé d' Affaires, Minister, Consul or Consular Agent."

Ordered that "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the manner of taking the verdict of a Jury in civil cases" be printed.

Order of the Day.

In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the 'Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862' and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above-mentioned Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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### Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Dennes, De Cosmos, Burnaby, McClure, Duncan, and Drs. Dickson, Powell, Tolmie.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos, 2nded by Mr. Dennes, "A Bill Entitled An Act for securing a lien to mechanics and others" was read a first time, and Ordered to be printed.

Order of the Day.

The House then went into "Committee of Supply."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Franklin in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the questions of Supply had therein voted a Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen dollars & 25 cents (\$298,618.25) for the service of Her Majesty.

Ordered that report be agreed to.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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### Friday, the 3rd day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Tolmie, Powell, Trimble, and Messrs. Dennes, Burnaby, Southgate, McClure.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

A Communication was read from the Honble. the Council transmitting "A Bill Entitled An Act to explain and amend the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862." Ordered for Monday next.

Mr. De Cosmos, from the General Committee on Elections, reported that The Petition of Charles Bedford Young Esqre. against the return of Leonard McClure Esqre. was in compliance with the formalities required by this House, and ought, *primâ facie*, to be entertained.

Mr. Dennes gave Notice that on Monday next he would introduce "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the law as to Imprisonment for debt."

The House then took under consideration and agreed to the report of the Committee of Supply made yesterday, viz.: "That the Committee having had under consideration the question of Supply had therein voted a Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and Twenty five Cents (\$298,618.25) for the Service of Her Majesty" as follows.

## SCHEDULE

## Establishments Detailed

Civil	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<b>HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR</b>				
Salaries				
Private Secretary		1,700 00		1,700 00
<i>Resolution. "That this Appointment be made of a temporary character."</i>				
Messenger	480 00			480 00
<b>Total His Excellency the Governor</b>				<b>2180 00</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>				
Salaries				
Clerk	500 00			500 00
Contingencies				
Fuel, light, and petty expenses			150 00	150 00
<b>Total Legislative Council</b>				<b>650 00</b>
<b>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY</b>				
Salaries				
Clerk	1,700 00			
Messenger	600 00			2300 00
Contingencies				
Extra Clerical Assistance			500 00	
Drafting of Bills			1000 00	
Expenses of Witnesses			100 00	
Fuel, light and petty expenses			250 00	1850 00
<b>Total Legislative Assembly</b>				<b>4150 00</b>
<b>COLONIAL SECRETARY</b>				
Salaries				
Chief Clerk.	1500 00			
Second Clerk.	1000 00			
Messenger.	480 00			2980 00
Contingencies				
Stationery for public offices			2000 00	
Furniture for     "     "			200 00	
Fuel & light for			1000 00	
Printing for     "     "			4000 00	
including Acts of Legislature				
Petty expenses			250 00	7450 00
<b>Total Colonial Secretary</b>				<b>10430 00</b>

## SCHEDULE—Continued

## Establishments Detailed

Civil	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<b>TREASURER.</b>				
Salaries				
Treasurer				
Restn. "That this House recommends that the Salary of the Treasurer be subject to the Resolutions of July the 2nd 1864 respecting the Civil list."				
Clerk	1200 00			
Assessor	2425 00			3625 00
Contingencies				
Extra Clerical Assistance			250 00	
Advertising and Petty Expenses			400 00	650 00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>				<b>4275 00</b>
<b>AUDITOR</b>				
For Auditing Accounts				
Restn. "That a sum of \$1200.00 be voted for Auditing Accounts."	1200 00			1200 00
<b>SURVEYOR GENERAL</b>				
Salaries				
Surveyor General (2425.00 stricken out)				
Restn. "That the Committee is of opinion that it is inexpedient to fill up the vacancy at present."				
Assistant Surveyor	1700 00			
Superintendent of Roads		1500 00		
Restn. "That the Superintendent of Roads be classed among provisional and temporary offices."				
Clerk	1200 00			2900 00
Superintending Engineer, Victoria Harbour		2425 00		
Master of Tug		1200 00		
Engineer		1067 00		
Blacksmith		700 00		
2 Stokers at \$700. each		1400 00		
2 Crew.		1080 00		
Restn. "That \$720. be augmented by \$360.=1,080." See H. Excy.'s Communication. No. 44.				

SCHEDULE—Continued

Establishments Detailed

Civil	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<b>SURVEYOR GENERAL—Continued</b>				
Engineer of Dredger		1067 00		
Blacksmith		700 00		
2 Firemen at \$700. each		1400 00		
4 Crew at \$540     "		2160 00		14699 00
Restn. "That 1440 be augmented by \$720.=2,160." See H. Excy's Comtn. No. 44.				
Contingencies				
Miscellaneous Explorations & Surveys			5000 00	
Fuel for Tug and Dredges			7200 00	
Petty expenses			240 00	12440 00
<b>Total Surveyor General</b>				<b>30039 00</b>
<b>HARBOUR MASTER</b>				
Salaries				
Harbour Master, Shipping Master and officer to carry out Passengers and Merchant Shipping Acts, without fees.	1400 00			
Restn. "That the Committee deems it inexpedient to separate the offices of Harbour Master & Post Master. That above offices be amalgamated & a sum of \$1,400. without fees be voted therefor."				
Boatman	500 00			1900 00
Contingencies				
Painting and repairing buoys.			400 00	400 00
<b>Total Harbour Master</b>				<b>2300 00</b>
<b>LIGHT HOUSES</b>				
Salaries				
Commissioner 1	500 00			
" 2	500 00			
Medical Officer	60 00			
Lightkeeper Race Rocks	763 08			
1. Asst. do.       do.	510 88			
2.   "   "       "	410 00			
3.   "   "       "	208 04			
Lightkeeper Fisgard	750 00			
Assistant do.       do.	100 00			3802 00

## SCHEDULE—Continued

## Establishments Detailed

Civil	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<b>LIGHT HOUSES—Continued</b>				
Allowances				
Provisions and fuel for light-keeper.			1300 00	1300 00
Contingencies				
Books for Library.			150 00	
Stores			500 00	
Petty Expenses			100 00	750 00
<b>Total Light Houses</b>				<b>5852 00</b>
<b>POST OFFICE</b>				
Salaries				
Victoria Postmaster	500 00			
Restn. "That the Committee deems it inexpedient to separate the offices of Harbour Master & Postmaster Clerk."	1455 00			
Restn. "That if the Salary of the Clerk was \$1500. last year, it be the same during the present year."	485 00			2440 00
Nanaimo Postmaster				
Contingencies				
Extra Clerical Assistance			750 00	
Postage Stamps			500 00	
Mail Bags & petty expenses			100 00	1350 00
<b>Total Post Office</b>				<b>3790 00</b>
<b>REGISTRAR GENERAL</b>				
Salaries				
Registrar General	2425 00			
<b>Total Registrar General</b>				<b>2425 00</b>
<b>Judicial</b>				
<b>JUDICIAL</b>				
Salaries				
Chief Justice of Supreme Court	5820 00			
Restn. "Provided such Chief is appointed in pursuance of An Act to appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds per annum from the General Revenue of the Colony for the Salary of a Chief Justice. Until such Chief Justice shall have arrived in conformity with				

SCHEDULE—Continued

Establishments Detailed

Judicial	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<i>JUDICIAL—Continued</i>				
the said Act the Salary of the present Chief Justice shall be subject to the Restns. of July 2nd 1864 respecting the Civil List."				
Registrar	1500 00			
Clerk of Writs	1000 00			
Attorney General		1455 00		1455 00
Restn. "That the Appointment of Attorney General be provisional and temporary and the Salary \$1455. the same as last year with fees as usual and power to practise."				
Clerk	1000 00			
Sheriff	1000 00			
Stipendiary Magistrate and visiting Magistrate of Gaol, Victoria	2250 00			
Clerk to do. do.	1000 00			
Stipendiary Magistrate, Nanaimo	1700 00			
Clerk to do. do.	485 00			15755 00
Stipendiary Magistrate, Sooke				
Restn. "That in lieu of a Stipendiary Magistrate for Sooke there should be a Gold Commissioner who should be a Justice of the Peace."				
Contingencies				
Occasional Assistance to Sheriff			250 00	250 00
<b>Total Judicial</b>				<b>17460 00</b>
<i>POLICE</i>				
<i>Salaries</i>				
Superintendent and Inspector	2000 00			
Restn. "That the offices of Superintendent and Inspector be amalgamated & the Salary be \$2000.00				
4 Sergts. at \$2 per diem each	2920 00			
6 Constables @ 1.75 per diem each	3832 50			
6 " " " 1.50 " "	3285 00			
Medical Officer	250 00			
Armourer at \$1.50 per diem	547 50			12835 00

## SCHEDULE—Continued

## Establishments Detailed

Judicial	Fixed Establishments	Provisional and Temporary	Allowances and Contingencies	Total
<b>POLICE—Continued</b>				
Contingencies				
Expenses of cleaning & repairing Small Arms			50 00	
Petty expenses			100 00	150 00
<b>Total Police.</b>				<b>12985 00</b>
<b>GAOLS</b>				
Salaries				
Gaoler	1000 00			
Superintendent of Convicts	800 00			
Medical Officer	500 00			
3 Wardens @ \$1.75 per diem	1916 25			
3 " " \$1.50 " "	1642 50			
Cook " \$1.50 " "	547 50			6406 25
Contingencies				
Petty expenses.			100 00	100 00
<b>Total Gaols</b>				<b>6506 25</b>
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>				
Salaries				
Restn. "That the Sum of \$1000. be given to the Volunteer Corps for general purposes connected with the Company."	1000 00			
<b>Total Volunteers.</b>				<b>1000 00</b>

## No. 2. Pensions retired allowances and gratuities

Pension provided for under 27 and 28 Vict. No. 3 to David Cameron, Chief Justice.	2425.00
<b>Total Pensions retired allowances and gratuities</b>	<b>2425.00</b>

## No. 3. Revenue Services exclusive of Establishments. Nil.

## No. 4. Administration of Justice (exclusive of Establishments)

Expenses of Witnesses	500.00
Criminal punishments	500.00
Interpreters and other expenses	100.00
Expenses of Inquests (including Fees to Coroner)	1000.00
<b>Total Administration of Justice exclusive of Establishments</b>	<b>2100.00</b>



[No. 5. Ecclesiastical (exclusive of Establishments). Nil.]

No. 6. Charitable Allowances

Miscellaneous Charitable purposes	500.00
Total Charitable Allowances	500.00

No. 7. Education Exclusive of Establishments

District Schools	10,000.00
Total Education (exclusive of Establishments)	10,000.00

No. 8. Hospitals exclusive of Establishments

Contribution to Victoria Hospital	5,000.00
„ to meet excess of expenditure 1864	1,000.00
„ to Female Hospital, Victoria	500.00
Total Hospitals exclusive of Establishments	6,500.00

No. 9. Police (exclusive of Establishments)

Clothing for Constables	1,100.00
Fuel Water and Light	400.00
Bedding	125.00
Arms and Ammunition	100.00
Total Police (exclusive of Establishments)	1725.00

No. 10 Gaols (exclusive of Establishments)

Provisions for 60 Prisoners	4818.00
Clothing for „ „	300.00
Fuel, Water, and Light	450.00
Bedding and Utensils	350.00
Tools and implements	600.00
Arms and Ammunition	50.00
Clothing for Warders	455.00
Total Gaols exclusive of Establishments	7023.00

## No. 11. Rent

Rent of Residence for His Excy. the Governor	1920.00
„ „ Harbour Masters Office Victoria	330.00
„ „ Post Office Victoria	330.00
Restn. "That this Committee recommends the removal of the Post Office and Harbour Masters Office to the old Post Office lot on Government Street as soon as practicable."	
Total Rent.	2580.00

## No. 12. Transport

Colonial Secretary	
Travelling expenses of Officers and others	500.00
Surveyor General.	
Travelling expenses of Officers and others	250.00
Superintendent of Police	
Travelling expenses of Police on public duty	500.00
Total transport	1250.00

## No. 13. Conveyance of Mails

Between Vancouver Island and (England)	9000.00
Restn. "That 'England' be altered to 'San Francisco'."	
Between Victoria and Esquima!t	350.00
„ „ „ Nanaimo, Comox & intermediate places	4080.00
„ „ „ Saanich	300.00
„ „ „ Sooke Mines	300.00
„ „ „ New Westminster, British Columbia	1000.00
„ „ „ Washington Territory, U.S.	500.00
Total Conveyance of Mails	15,530.00

## No. 14. Works and Buildings

Residence for His Excellency the Governor	50,000.00
Restn. "That the sum of \$50,000. be voted for the Governors residence including the construction of residence, outbuildings, purchase of grounds and furniture."	
Lock up, Saanich	100.00
Painting of Government Buildings Victoria	
(Balance of contract under vote 1864)	205.00
Painting, General Repairs and fencing of Government Buildings Victoria	1500.00
Powder Magazine (renewal of vote for 1864 under Powder Magazine Act, 1864)	3638.00
Total Works and Buildings	55,443.00

## No. 15. Roads Streets and Bridges

West Saanich Road, Thompson's to Harris's (balance due under contract undertaken under partially unexpended vote for 1864)	2,800.00
Road from Goldstream to Forks of Sooke and Leech Rivers (contract completed in 1864 without vote)	2,000.00
Cedar Hill Road (balance of contract under partially unexpended vote for 1864)	1,750.00
Burnside Road (to cover contract undertaken under unexpended vote for 1864.)	4,000.00
East Saanich Road (\$2000. to cover contract undertaken under unexpended vote for /64. \$2,000 for new Works.)	4,000.00
Metchosin Road, (branch to Goldstream) to cover contract undertaken under unexpended vote for 1864	3,000.00
Victoria, Ogden Point, and Beacon Hill Road do. do.	1,500.00
Road from Craigflower to Naval Hospital, Esquimalt do. do.	1000.00
" " " " Burnside Road do. do.	500.00
" " Maple Bay to Somenos (contract entered into to cover contract undertaken under unexpended vote for 1864)	1300.00
Albert Head Road, to cover contract undertaken under unexpended vote for 1864.	500.00
Sooke Road Pedder Inlet to Sooke (for road under completed contract and for bridges under partially expended vote for 1864) Restn. "That any money remaining unexpended on this vote be applied to the main Metchosin Road from Weirs to Vines."	1000.00
Extension of Government Street, Victoria	2,000.00
Metchosin Road	500.00
Road fm. Goldstream to Forks of Leech and Sooke Rivers Restn. "To be expended only in case the Gold discoveries should warrant the expenditure."	5,000.00
Bridge over Leech River at Lower Forks	450.00
" " Millstone River, Newcastle.	1000.00
Repairs to Victoria and Esquimalt Road	500.00
Comox (local) road through Settlement	1000.00
West Saanich Road, Lake Hill to Stephens'	10000.00
Road from Goldstream to (Nanaimo) Restn. "That the word 'Nanaimo' be altered to the word 'Cowichan'."	2,500.00
General repairs to macadamised Roads	700.00
James Bay Bridge, Victoria (repairs)	850.00
Total Roads, Streets and Bridges	47,850.00

## No. 16. Miscellaneous Services.

Expenses of revising List of Voters.	400.00
Sheriff for expense of making copies of lists of Voters	150.00
Colonial pay for Marines at San Juan	6500.00
Contribution to Victoria Fire Department	3000.00
Insurance of Government Buildings	1000.00
Premium for discovery of Fisheries	4000.00
Reward for discovery of Gold Fields	1500.00
Repayment of deposits	500.00
Agricultural Society Restn. "That the Agricultural Society receive \$500.00"	500.00
Total miscellaneous Services	17,550.00

## No. 17. Interest

Interest on road and Harbour Loan 1862 £40,000 @ 6 per cent.	11640.00
Sinking fund on do. do.	7760.00
	19,400.00

## No. 18. Reimbursements (\$34066) Nil.

Restn. "That this Committee do not consider the General Revenue liable for the payment of the \$34,066; that this view of the question is supported in Despatch No. 27 of Aug. 1, 1864 where it speaks of placing the Crown Revenue on a proper footing prospectively and not retrospectively and that any moneys that have been voted heretofore out of the Crown Revenues have been assented to by the Governor for the time being & finally by Her Majesty."	
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## No. 19. Immigration

Expenses of introducing Immigrants	2500.00
<b>Total Immigration</b>	<b>2500.00</b>

## No. 20. Indians

Expenses connected with Indians	1000.00
<b>Total Indians</b>	<b>1000.00</b>

[Total Estimates	\$298,618.25]
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Order of the Day in Committee of the Whole House. "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Dennes in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress & asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

## Monday, the 6th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. McClure, Cochrane, Duncan, Burnaby, Dennes, Carswell, De Cosmos.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read the following communication from His Excy. the Governor.

[No. 46]

Vancouver Island  
Victoria, 6th March, 1865

To the Honble. the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly

Gentlemen,

In reply to your Communication of the 24th Ulto. requesting "Returns of all fees connected with the office of Attorney General during the Year 1864, and also any fees that may have been paid to any Solicitor during the same period" I have the honor to inform you that during that Year, the Government became chargeable with the sum of \$2691. on those accounts. I regret that the accounts being in the possession of the Acting Auditor precludes the possibility of this Sum being apportioned to the Attorney General and to the Solicitor.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant

(sd.) A. E. Kennedy,  
Governor.

On motion by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Dennes "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the law relating to the Representation of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies" was Read a 1st time and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Dennes, seconded by Mr. Duncan, "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the manner of taking the verdict of a Jury in civil cases" was Read a 2nd time and committed.

On question that "A Bill Entitled An Act to explain and amend the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 (bill received from Legtve. Council) be now Read a first time Mr. Duncan moved An Amendment "That above Bill be read a 1st time this day 6 months" (Not seconded, J. S. H.).

The House then divided.

Question.

*Ayes:* 5.

Messrs. Duncan  
McClure  
Dennes  
De Cosmos  
Carswell

*Noes:* 3.

Messrs. Franklin  
Southgate  
Burnaby

The Amendment was therefore carried.

Ordered that "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the law as to Imprisonment for debt" be printed.

## Order of the Day.

In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

**Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 1865**

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Tolmie, Powell, Dickson, and Messrs. Franklin, McClure, De Cosmos, Dennes, Duncan, Cochrane.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Cochrane presented A Petition from certain licensed "Retail Dealers in liquors in Victoria and Esquimalt."

Ordered to lie on the table.

The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means.

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

**Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1865**

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dennes, Duncan, De Cosmos, Powell, McClure, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

The following Communication was read from His Excellency the Governor.

[No. 47]

Vancouver Island  
Victoria, 8th March 1865

To the Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose for your information returns relative to convictions for the sale of liquor to Indians and for other offences at the Police Court Victoria, pursuant to your Resolution of 28th September, 1864.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
(Sd.) A. E. Kennedy,  
Governor.

Ordered to be printed (Dissentiente Dr. Powell).

Order of the Day.

In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Mr. McClure gave notice of motion.<sup>31</sup>

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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### Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. De Cosmos, Duncan, Dennes, McClure, Franklin, Burnaby, Carswell, and Drs. Tolmie, Trimble, Powell, Dickson.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Dr. Powell presented "A Petition from certain Residents of the City of Victoria praying that the jurisdiction over the Police be transferred to the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria, &c."

Ordered to lie on the table.

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<sup>31</sup> Motion Book, p. 94: "I give notice that I will on Monday next ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the Road Act 1860."

Mr. Duncan gave Notice of Motion (M. B. f. [blank]).<sup>32</sup>

Order of the Day.

The House then went into Committee of "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of Ways and Means had therein adopted the following Resolution.

That a tax be levied on all cattle, horses, sheep and pigs imported into the Colony as follows, viz.:

On Cattle	\$4.00
,, Yearlings	.50
On Horses	5.00
,, Yearlings & foals	1.00
On Sheep	1.00
On Pigs	.50
On Beef	5.00 per carcase
,, Mutton	2.00 ,, "
,, Pork	2.00 ,, "

Ordered that report be adopted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

### Monday, the 13th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dickson, Tolmie, Burnaby, Franklin, McClure, Carswell, De Cosmos.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Dennes gave Notice of Motion (M. B. f. 95)<sup>33</sup>

Order of the Day.

The House then took under consideration certain Resolutions reported from Committee of Ways and Means on Thursday as follows.

<sup>32</sup> Motion Book, p. 95: "Tomorrow the 10th March 1865 I beg leave to give [notice] that I shall move that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor 1st Asking whether the Harbour Master has granted any licences to Foreign Vessels to carry goods or passengers between any two or more places in this Colony and if so what Vessels 2nd If so whether any opinion has been given by the Hon. Attorney General that such licences are legal and if so that a copy of such opinion and the law on which it is founded be sent to this House."

<sup>33</sup> Motion Book, p. 95: "On Wednesday next I shall move an Address to His Excellency the Governor for returns of the number of Writs of *Capias ad respondendum* and *ne exeat regno* issued from 1st January 1861 to 1st March 1865 and also the number of such Writs respectively set aside or discharged."



Resolved That the permit for landing animals shall in future be,

For Cattle		\$4.00
„ Yearlings		.50
For Horses		5.00
„ Yearlings and foals		1.00
For Sheep		1.00
„ Pigs		1.50
On Beef	5.00 per carcase	
„ Mutton	2.00 „ „	
„ Pork	2.00 „ „	

That upon the exportation of any Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Pigs a sum equal to the amount charged for an import permit shall be given to the owner.

On question “that above Resolutions do pass” Mr. Burnaby moved An Amendment, seconded by Dr. Tolmie, “That the above Resolutions be recommended.”

The House then divided.

Question.

For Mr. Burnaby’s Amendment

*Ayes: 3.*

Messrs. Burnaby  
Tolmie  
Franklin

*Noes: 5.*

Messrs. McClure  
Carswell  
Dennes  
Dickson  
De Cosmos

The Amendment was therefore lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon “A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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## Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Dickson, Dennes, De Cosmos, Franklin, Burnaby, Cochrane, Southgate, McClure, Tolmie, Carswell.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. De Cosmos presented a Petition from certain Residents of the City of Victoria.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

The following Communication was then read from the Honble. the L. Council.

Vancouver Island  
Council Chamber,  
Victoria 13th March 1865

To The Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform you that the counter Amendments made by your Honble. House to the Amendments of the Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act to amend the Land Registry Act, 1860" have been agreed to by the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant  
E. J. Nesbitt  
Clerk of the Council

Order of the Day, In Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the question of "Ways and Means" begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again. Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The following Communication was then read from the Honble. the L. Council.

Vancouver Island  
Council Chamber,  
14th March 1865

To The Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to enclose herewith "A Bill Entitled 'An Act to establish the Postal Service'" which has passed the Legislative Council.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient Servant  
(Sd.) E. J. Nesbitt  
Clerk of the Council

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.<sup>34</sup>

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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<sup>34</sup> According to the *Colonist*, 16 March 1865, "The House of Assembly did not meet yesterday [Wednesday] owing to the unavoidable absence of the hon. Speaker."

**Thursday, the 16th day of March, 1865**

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Dickson, Tolmie, Trimble, Powell, and Messrs. Carswell, De Cosmos, Burnaby, Franklin, McClure, Dennes, Southgate.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Franklin from the Committee appointed to draft A Bill of Supply reported "A Bill Entitled An Act to apply the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen dollars and Twenty Five Cents, 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 five."

Ordered that above Bill be read a 1st time.

A Communication was then read from His Excellency the Governor.

No. 48

Vancouver Island  
Victoria, 15th March, 1865

To the Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Gentlemen,

In reply to your Resolution of the 27th Ulto. calling for a statistical Return in accordance with a provision of the Pilot Act 1864, I have the honor to state that no pilots have been licensed under the Act which has hitherto proved inoperative, and that therefore no returns have been made.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient Servant  
(Sd.) A. E. Kennedy  
Governor

Order of the Day, In Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of "Ways and Means" begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again; also A Resolution "That (\$5.00) Five dollars shall be the price of a permit for landing potatoes, Two dollars and fifty cents for carrots, turnips and cabbages, and that any two of these Articles shall not be admitted under the same permit."

Ordered that report be adopted and leave granted.

Mr. Dennes gave Notice of Motion in Committee Ways and Means "That a tax be imposed on Auctioneers of 2½ per cent of all sales."

Mr. De Cosmos, pursuant to Notice given by the Honble. Member for Lake District (and in his absence) moved "That An Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor Asking information whether the Harbour Master has granted any licences to foreign Vessels to carry goods or passengers between any two or more places in this Colony; and, if so, what vessels? If so, whether any opinion has been given by the Acting Attorney General that

such licenses are legal, and if so that a Copy of such opinion and the law on which it is founded be sent to this House.”

Dr. Trimble seconded.

Agreed to.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

### Friday, the 17th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Burnaby, Dennes, McClure, De Cosmos, Cochrane, and Drs. Tolmie, Powell, Dickson, Trimble.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Read a 2nd time and committed “A Bill Entitled An Act to apply the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen dollars and twenty five cents 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 five.”

Order of the Day.

In Committee of the whole House, “Ways and Means.”

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the question of “Ways and Means” begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Dr. Tolmie gave Notice of Motion in Committee “Ways and Means.”

A Communication was then read from the Honble. The Legislative Council enclosing certain Amendments to “A Bill Entitled ‘The Vancouver Island Mercantile Law Amendment Act, 1865.’ ”

Amendments Read a 1st time, and Ordered to be printed.

Election Committee (select) by Ballot: Mr. Dennes, Chairman and Messrs. Franklin, Southgate, Duncan, Cochrane.

Ordered that above Committee meet on Monday 20th inst. at 11 a. m.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.<sup>35</sup>

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

<sup>35</sup> According to the *Colonist*, 18 and 21 March, the House adjourned to Monday but did not sit that day for lack of a quorum.

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**Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1865**

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Trimble, Tolmie, Powell, Dickson, and Messrs. Burnaby, Duncan, De Cosmos, Bayley.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Dennes from the (Select) Election Committee in re the Petition of C. B. Young Esqre. vs. L. McClure Esqre. reported that the Committee begged to report the sitting Member to have been duly elected.

Dr. Trimble gave Notice of Motion for tomorrow for the Appointment of A Committee to take into consideration the Indian liquor law and its operation.

Mr. Bayley presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Nanaimo in opposition to the Petition presented by him on the 20th Jany. from certain other Inhabitants of the same place.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A Communication was then read from the Honble. The Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Common Schools."

Above Amendments Read a first time.

Also A Communication from His Excellency the Governor as follows.

No. 49

Vancouver Island  
Victoria, 21st March 1865.

To the Honble. The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  
Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter from the Colonial Treasurer relative to the inconvenience of his being left in ignorance of the amounts voted for various Services.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen  
Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) A. E. Kennedy  
Governor.

Order of the Day, Committee of "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Powell, (in the absence of the Chairman of Ways & Means elected pro tem.) in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of Ways and Means begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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### Wednesday, the 22nd day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Powell, Trimble, Dickson, and Messrs. De Cosmos, Duncan, Dennes.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Dr. Trimble pursuant to Notice moved A Resolution "That A Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Indian Liquor Law and its operation."

Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos.

Carried.

Ordered that Drs. Trimble, Powell, Dickson, be appointed a Committee in the above matter.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos, seconded by Dr. Powell, Ordered that Wednesday next the 29th Inst. be appointed for the House to take under consideration in Committee "The Condition of the Pilot Service of the Port of Victoria."

On motion by Mr. Dennes, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Ordered "That An Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor for returns of the number of Writs of 'Capias ad respondendum', 'Capias ad satisfaciendum,' and 'Ne exeat regno' issued from 1st January 1861, to 1st March 1865—and also the number of such Writs set aside or discharged."

Order of the day.

In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to alter and amend the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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### Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Burnaby, McClure, Cochrane, De Cosmos, Bayley, Southgate, Dennes, and Drs. Powell, Dickson, Tolmie.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

A Communication was read from His Excellency The Governor "No. 50, Victoria, 23rd March 1865" enclosing A Despatch "No. 38, 16th Sept. 1864" from the Rt. Honble. The Secretary of State for the Colonies on the Subject of the Absence of provision in the Estimates (1864) for the Salaries of certain Officers of the Government.

Dr. Dickson gave Notice of Motion for Monday next.<sup>36</sup>

Order of the Day—In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to appropriate the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand, Six hundred and Eighteen dollars and twenty five cents out of the General Revenue of the Colony of Vancouver Island & its Dependencies to the Service of the Year One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Powell in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above Bill begged to report the same complete without Amendments.

Ordered that report be adopted.

The House then went into Committee "Ways and Means."

Dr. Powell (Chairman pro. tem.) in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of "Ways and Means" begged to report the following Resolutions.

That a Tax be imposed on Auctioneers of two and One-half per cent on all sales of merchandise or merchantable commodities.

That the Sum of One Hundred Dollars be charged upon all persons who sell opium or allow opium to be smoked, eaten, or drunk in their Establishments.

Ordered—"That report be adopted."

Mr. Cochrane gave Notice of Motion in Committee of Ways and Means for Tuesday next "That a Tax of 2½ per cent be levied on all sales of real estate by Auction."

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

### Friday, the 24th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Drs. Powell, Tolmie, Trimble, Dickson, and Messrs. Cochrane, Duncan, De Cosmos, McClure, Burnaby.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

<sup>36</sup> Motion Book, p. 96: "On Monday next I will ask the House to appoint a committee to consider and report to the House, on or before the fourth day of April, what measures it is desirable to adopt to promote the settlement and agricultural interests of the Colony."

Read a 3rd time & passed "A Bill Entitled An Act to appropriate the sum of \$298,618.25 out of the General Revenue of the Colony of V. I. & its Dependencies to the Service of the Year 1865."

The Resolutions reported from Committee of "Ways and Means" yesterday, viz.:

That a Tax be imposed on Auctioneers of Two and one half per cent on all sales of Merchandise or merchantable commodities.

That the sum of One Hundred dollars be charged upon all persons who sell opium or allow opium to be smoked, eaten or drunk in their Establishments.

Were read and confirmed.

Order of the Day, In Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Dr. Powell (Chairman pro. tem.) in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of "Ways and Means" had therein adopted the following Resolution.

That in future All Merchants shall make a return of the Amount of Spirits, Beer, &c. sold by wholesale and shall pay at the rate fixed by the Trade's License Act;

Also progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Dr. Tolmie gave Notice of Motion in Committee Ways and Means "Stamp tax on Newspapers."

The House then adjourned till Monday 27th Inst.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

### Monday, the 27th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Bayley, Dennes, De Cosmos, McClure, Southgate, and Drs. Dickson, Powell, Tolmie.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

The Resolution reported from Committee of "Ways and Means" on Friday the 24th Inst., viz.:

That in future all Merchants shall make a return of the amount of Spirits, Beer, &c. sold wholesale, and shall pay at the rate fixed by the Trade's License Act."

Was read and confirmed.



**Bills read a 1st Time.**

A Bill (from Legislative Council) Entitled An Act for obtaining A Declaration of Title.

A Bill (from Legislative Council) Entitled An Act to establish the Postal Service.

Also, on motion by Mr. De Cosmos, seconded by Mr. Dennes "A Bill Entitled An Act to exempt the homestead and other property from forced seizure and sales in certain cases" which last Bill was ordered to be printed.

**Bills read a 2nd time and committed.**

"A Bill Entitled An Act for securing Liens to Mechanics and others" on motion by Mr. De Cosmos—2nded by Mr. Dennes.

"A Bill Entitled An Act respecting the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Vancouver Island" on motion Dr. Powell, Seconded by Mr. De Cosmos.

"A Bill To amend the law relating to the Representation of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies" on motion by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Dennes.

**Dr. Dickson** pursuant to notice moved A Resolution "That the House do appoint a Committee to consider and report to the House on or before the 7th day of April next, what measures it is desirable to adopt to promote the settlement and Agricultural interests of the Colony."

Dr. Powell seconded.

Carried.

Ordered "That Drs. Dickson, Tolmie, [Mr.] Cochrane be a Committee in the above matter."

**Order of the Day.**

In Committee of the whole House "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862 and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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## Tuesday, the 28th day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Carswell, Dennes, De Cosmos, Dickson, Tolmie, McClure, Bayley.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Order of the Day.

The House went into Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley (Chairman pro. tem.) in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of "Ways and Means" begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Mr. De Cosmos gave Notice of Motion in Committee of "Ways and Means" "That the annual licence of Bankers be \$1,000.00."

Mr. McClure gave Notice of Motion in Committee of Ways and Means "That the Auctioneers license be reduced to \$100. per annum."

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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## Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. De Cosmos, Dennes, McClure, Tolmie, Dickson, Bayley.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

On motion by Dr. Dickson, 2nded by Mr. McClure The Amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Common Schools" were Ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House then went into Committee of the whole to report upon "A Bill To amend the law as to imprisonment for Debt."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report the same favorably to the House.

The House then went into Committee of the whole upon "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Bill begged to report the same complete with amendments.

Ordered that report be agreed to.

Also—Upon a Resolution "That the House take into consideration in Committee the condition of the 'Pilot Service of the Port of Victoria'."

Mr. Bayley in the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned subject, had agreed to the following Resolution, viz.:

That the Pilot Act be amended as follows:

That all Vessels of Fifty Tons and upwards from any Port other than the Ports of Vancouver Island and British Columbia shall pay Pilotage as provided by the Pilot Act, 1864.

That no clearance be granted by the Harbour Master to any Vessel subject to Pilotage except on showing a receipt for Pilotage, inwards and outwards.

That such Sections or parts of Sections as are contrary to the above be repealed.

That a Bill be ordered to carry out the above provisions.

Ordered that report be received.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

### Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1865

The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Burnaby, Bayley, Cochrane, Dennes, De Cosmos, Franklin, McClure, and Drs. Dickson, Tolmie, Trimble.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

A Communication (No. 52) was read from His Excellency the Governor as follows.

[No. 52]

Victoria, 30th March, 1865

To the Honble. the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly

Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit two Petitions which have come into my hands addressed to the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly on the Subject of Postal Communication with the Mining District at Leech River.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) A. E. Kennedy  
Governor.

Also A Communication (No. 53) from His Excellency the Governor, as follows.

[No. 53]

Victoria, 30th March, 1865

To The Honble. the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly

Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit for the information and consideration of the House of Assembly the copy of a letter<sup>37</sup> addressed to me by the Acting Colonial Secretary on the subject of the Annual Estimates for 1865, lately passed by the Legislature together with an Estimate of sums required to defray the expenses of the Colonial Government for the same year.

I concur generally with the views of this officer and I feel confident they will receive the careful consideration of the Legislative Assembly which the importance of the subject demands.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) A. E. Kennedy

Governor.

Also A Communication (No. 51) dated Victoria, 30th March, 1865 from His Excellency the Governor acknowledging receipt of certain Resolutions passed in Committee of Supply and transmitted to His Excellency on the 24th Inst.

Ordered to be referred to Committee of Supply.

Order of the Day, In Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Dr. Dickson gave Notice of Motion in Committee of Ways and Means "That the postage on all letters coming into and going out of the Colony be increased to 10 cts. per ½ oz., and that all letters brought by common carriers and express companies be liable for Colonial Postage."

Dr. Helmcken gave Notice of Motion in Committee "Ways and Means" that the permit for landing merchandise shall be one dollar and one half of one per cent on the value of such merchandise.

That the Trade's Licenses shall be ten dollars per annum; and ½ of one per cent upon the gross sales.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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<sup>37</sup> Wakeford to Kennedy, 28 March 1865, enclosed in Kennedy's Message No. 53, Vancouver Island, House of Assembly, Returns, Messages, etc., to House, PABC.

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**Friday, the 31st day of March, 1865**

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

**Present:** Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. De Cosmos, Burnaby, McClure, Cochrane, Southgate, Carswell, Tolmie, Trimble, Dickson.

The last Minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House went into Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Dennes (Chairman pro. tem.) in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the subject of "Ways and Means" had therein agreed to the following Resolutions.

That the Trades License shall be Ten Dollars per Annum and One half of One per cent upon the gross Sales; goods in transitu as at present.

That the permit for landing merchandise shall be One dollar and One half of one per cent upon the Invoice value of such merchandise.

That the annual license for "Banking" be one thousand dollars.

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

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till Monday (3rd April).

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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**Monday, the 3rd day of April, 1865**

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

**Present:** Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Bayley, Burnaby, De Cosmos, Dennes, Duncan, Cochrane, Southgate, McClure, Franklin, and Drs. Powell, Tolmie, Dickson, Trimble.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

The House took under consideration certain Resolutions reported from Committee of the whole House on the 29th Ult. on the subject of "the condition of the Pilot Service of the Port of Victoria."

On Question "that the Resolutions do pass."

Dr. Tolmie moved An Amendment, Seconded by Mr. Burnaby "That the said Resolutions be recommitted."

For Dr. Tolmie's Amendment

*Ayes: 7.*

Messrs. Tolmie  
Burnaby  
Southgate  
Powell  
Bayley  
Franklin  
Cochrane

Against Dr. Tolmie's Amendment

*Noes: 6.*

Messrs. Trimble  
McClure  
De Cosmos  
Dennes  
Duncan  
Dickson

The Amendment was therefore carried, and the above mentioned Resolutions recommitted.

The House then took under consideration and agreed to the following Resolutions reported from Committee of "Ways and Means" on the 31st Ultó.

That the Trades License shall be Ten dollars per annum and one half of one per cent upon the gross sales; goods in transitu as at present.

That the annual license for Bankers be One Thousand Dollars.

On motion by Mr. Burnaby, seconded by Mr. Southgate the following Resolution reported from Committee of Ways and Means on the 31st Ultó. was recommitted.

That the permit for Landing Merchandise shall be one dollar and one half of one per cent upon the value of the Invoice of such Merchandise.

On motion by Mr. De Cosmos, Seconded by Dr. Powell "A Bill Entitled An Act to repeal the Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862, and to make certain provisions in lieu thereof" was recommitted.

Question.

For recommitment:

*Ayes: 7.*

Messrs. De Cosmos  
McClure  
Franklin  
Duncan  
Powell  
Dickson  
Cochrane

Against recommitment:

*Noes: 6.*

Messrs. Tolmie  
Bayley  
Dennes  
Burnaby  
Trimble  
Southgate

In Committee of the whole House.

Certain Amendments by the Honble. the Legislative Council to "A Bill Entitled An Act respecting Common Schools" (read 21st Ultó.).

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Bayley in Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration the above mentioned Amendments begged to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker.

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## Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Messrs. Cochrane, Dickson, De Cosmos, McClure, Duncan, Tolmie, Dennes.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. Speaker read a Communication from H. Excy. the Governor.

“No. 54,” dated “Victoria, 4th April 1865” transmitting Copy of a Despatch “No. 1, 2nd Jany. 1865” from The Rt. Honble. The Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to certain Resolutions passed by the Legislative Assembly relative to the “Appointment of A Chief Justice.”

Ordered to be referred to Committee “Ways and Means.”

Also a Communication from H. Excy. The Governor “No. 55, dated Victoria 4th April, 1865” in reply to certain Resolutions transmitted from this House (v. R. 22nd Ult. [p. 290 above]) calling for Returns of certain Writs, &c.<sup>38</sup>

Mr. McClure gave Notice of Motion.<sup>39</sup>

J. S. Helmcken  
Speaker

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## Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1865

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The House met this day at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Mr. Speaker in the Chair, Messrs. Burnaby, Bayley, Dennes, Duncan, De Cosmos, Southgate, Carswell, Franklin, McClure, and Drs. Dickson, Powell, Tolmie, Trimble.

The last minutes having been read and confirmed.

Mr. McClure, pursuant to notice, moved a Resolution “That a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor in reference to sending a Delegate to England for the more speedy settlement of the questions of ‘Union of the Colonies’ and of the ‘Crown Lands.’”

2nded by Dr. Dickson.

On motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. McClure a final letter “s” was added to the word “Delegate” to read “Delegates”; and on question “that the Resolution as amended do pass.”

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<sup>38</sup> Kennedy’s Message No. 56, Messages to House, is also dated 4 April 1865, and transmitted a draft of a bill amending the Trade Licences Amendment Act, 1862. The message was not mentioned in either the minutes or the newspaper.

<sup>39</sup> Motion Book, p. 97: “I give notice that I will tomorrow move for the appointment of a Committee to wait upon His Excellency in reference to sending a delegate to England for the more speedy settlement of the question of Union of the Colonies and of the Crown Lands.”

The House divided.

Question.

*Ayes:* 8.

Messrs. McClure

De Cosmos

Carswell

Dennes

Southgate

Trimble

Franklin

Duncan

*Noes:* 4.

Messrs. Tolmie

Burnaby

Dickson

Powell

The Resolution was therefore carried.

Ordered "That Messrs. McClure, Southgate, Burnaby, Dickson, Powell be appointed A Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Governor as above."

#### Order of the Day

House in Committee "Ways and Means."

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

The Chairman of "Ways and Means" in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee having had under consideration A Resolution recommitted by the House on the 3rd inst. on the subject of "Permits for Landing Goods" had "Resolved that the permit for landing goods shall be one dollar and fifty cents for every invoice below One hundred dollars and fifty cents additional for every One hundred or part of one hundred dollars above that sum (invoice value)."

The Chairman also reported in regard to the Supplemental Estimates, progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered that report be received and leave granted.

Dr. Dickson gave Notice of Motion in Committee of Ways and Means.<sup>40</sup>

The House then adjourned till tomorrow.

J. S. Helmcken

Speaker

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<sup>40</sup> *Colonist*, 7 April 1865: "Dr. Dickson gave notice of the following resolutions: *Resolved*,—That this House does not construe the Dispatch to His Excellency the Governor from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the colonies, of the 16th September, 1864, a copy of which His Excellency has transmitted to this House, as prohibiting the payment from the Crown Revenues of the colony of other salaries and charges than those of the Governor and Colonial Secretary, and therefore does not recognise the necessity of providing from the Colonial Revenue for such expenditures as were by the resolutions of this House regarded as chargeable to the Crown Revenue.

"2. That as the said Dispatch is believed by this House to have been written before Her Majesty's Secretary of State was informed of the discovery of the gold fields at Sooke and Leech river, and of the new sources of crown revenue thereby opened up, and which are beyond the control of this House, the House cannot doubt the willingness of Her Majesty's government to defray these out of the charges involved in the collection of such additional crown revenue; and while recognising the necessity of the services of a Gold Commissioner,