

<p>Ayes. Mr. Shenton Mr. Newman Mr. Brockman The Speaker Mr. Logue Mr. Pearse Mr. Steere (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>	<p>Noes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee The Hon. R. J. Walcott Mr. Marmion Mr. Bickley Mr. Bussell Mr. Hassell Mr. Carey Mr. Drummond Mr. Monger The Hon. M. Fraser (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>
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Amendment thus negatived.

Item, £10,100, agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN reported to the House that the Committee had considered the Estimates, and had agreed to same, with amendments.

The Council adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Monday, 26th August, 1872.

Revenue and Expenditure for Plantagenet District—Contract Surveys—Duties on Imported Goods Repeal Bill: Additional Duties on Tariff Act, 1872, Bill: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.
PRAYERS.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR
PLANTAGENET DISTRICT.

Mr. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, moved that a return of the revenue and expenditure in the district of Plantagenet during the last seven years, be laid on the table.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) stated it was impossible to furnish the accounts moved for, but that he would lay upon the table a return of the gross amount of revenue and expenditure at Albany during the seven years ended 31st December, 1871.

Paper tabled.

CONTRACT SURVEYS.

The SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) laid upon the table an account of expenditure relating to contract surveys since the 1st September, 1871, and for which payment had in part been made—calculated to the 30th June.

DUTIES ON IMPORTED GOODS
REPEAL BILL.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES ON
TARIFF ACT, 1872, BILL.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

First Schedule—Table of Duties.

Beer, porter, cider, and perry, bottled and in wood, 9d. per gallon. Spirits, cordials, or strong waters, 14s. per gallon.

The above duties were adopted *nem. con.*

Butter, 3d. per lb.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that the item be struck out.

Mr. STEERE, as an amendment, moved that the duty be 4d. per lb.

Mr. NEWMAN, as an amendment on the amendment, moved that the duty be 2d.

Amendment on the amendment—"That the duty be 2d."—not agreed to.

Amendment put, "That the duty be 4d.," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	6
Noes	11
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Majority against	5

<p>Ayes. Mr. Bussell Mr. Carey Mr. Hassell Mr. Logue Mr. Brockman Mr. Steere (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>	<p>Noes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee The Hon. R. J. Walcott Mr. Marmion Mr. Bickley Mr. Newman Mr. Pearse Mr. Monger Mr. Shenton Mr. Drummond The Speaker The Hon. M. Fraser (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>
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Amendment thus negatived.

Question put, "That the item be struck out," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	7
Noes	10
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Majority against	3

<p>Ayes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee The Hon. R. J. Walcott Mr. Bickley Mr. Marmion Mr. Pearse Mr. Newman The Hon. M. Fraser (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>	<p>Noes. The Speaker Mr. Logue Mr. Shenton Mr. Drummond Mr. Brockman Mr. Hassell Mr. Carey Mr. Monger Mr. Bussell Mr. Steere (<i>Teller.</i>)</p>
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Question thus negatived.

Candied Peel, &c, 2d. per lb; cheese, 2d. per lb.; chicory, 1d. per lb.; confectionery, comfits,

and sweetmeats, 2d. per pint or lb.; dried apples, currants, figs, peaches, and raisins, 2d. per lb.

The above duties were adopted.

Flour, £1 per ton.

Mr. LOGUE reverted to the action taken by His Excellency in regard of the duty placed upon flour at the last session of Council, by a majority of the House, and his subsequent appeal to the country on the question; a course which he (Mr. Logue) characterised as injudicious and unconstitutional. The country, however, had affirmed the decision of the Council by returning again to the House representatives known to be protectionists. He thought that in the face of this His Excellency would have observed a nice sense of political honor had he left the nominee members to vote according to their views on this question. But he was sorry to find that His Excellency had not done so; but, on the contrary, had asked them to pledge themselves to support the Government in this matter, a fact to which the absence of one of the late nominee members from the present Council was to be attributed. He considered that the action of His Excellency in this was neither fair nor honest towards the Council nor the Colony.

Mr. STEERE and Mr. NEWMAN concurred.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) was prepared to make every possible allowance for the disappointment of hon. members who had taken a keen interest in the question of a duty on flour, and who had expected to have been able to carry out their wishes in that respect at the present session; but he certainly had not anticipated that hon. members would have so far forgotten themselves as to attribute unfairness and political dishonor to His Excellency the Governor. He (the Colonial Secretary) would consider himself unworthy of the position which he held in the House and in the Government did he allow such remarks to pass by unchallenged, though it would be mere insult on his part to attempt to defend His Excellency from such accusations as those levelled at him by the hon. member for Geraldton, who had attributed to the Governor a lack of a "keen sense of political honor." He would tell the hon. gentleman that His Excellency's sense of honor was as keen as that of any member of that House.

Mr. LOGUE: The hon. member questioned it.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said he did not think that any man in the House was likely to question the keen

sense of honor of any English gentleman, whose reputation from his boyhood upwards had been unsullied. His Excellency had pledged no nominee member to vote against his conscience; but having submitted to them a broad outline of the policy of the Government, he asked them, prior to their nomination, if their views were in accord with the general principles of that policy. If not, they were at liberty to decline the position offered to them.

Mr. BUSSELL indignantly resented the insinuation that he had been asked to pledge himself to a free trade policy conditionally upon his accepting the position of a nominee member.

Mr. BICKLEY positively denied having been requested to pledge himself to support His Excellency's Government on this or any other question, contrary to his convictions.

Mr. MARMION also indignantly refuted the assertion made by the hon. member for Geraldton.

After some further acrimonious conversation,

Question put "That the duty on flour be £1 per ton," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	8
Noes	9

Majority against 1

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Monger	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Logue	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Shenton	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Brockman	Mr. Bussell
Mr. Carey	The Speaker
Mr. Hassell	Mr. Newman
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	Mr. Pearce
	The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)

Question thus negatived.

Hay, £1 per ton.

Question put, "That a duty of £1 per ton be imposed on hay," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	11
Noes	6

Majority for 5

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Logue	Mr. Pearce
Mr. Shenton	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Drummond	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Brockman	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Carey	The Hon. M. Fraser
Mr. Hassell	Mr. Marmion (Teller.)
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Bussell	
Mr. Monger	
The Speaker	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Meal, £1 per ton.

Question put, "That a duty of £1 per ton be imposed on meal," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 9
Noes 8

Majority for 1

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Logue	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Shenton	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Bussell
Mr. Brockman	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Casey	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Hassell	The Speaker
Mr. Newman	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Monger	The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Potatoes, 10s. per ton.

Question put, "That a duty of 10s. per ton be imposed on potatoes," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 11
Noes 6

Majority for 5

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Logue	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Shenton	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Brockman	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Hassell	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Carey	The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)
Mr. Newman	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Bussell	
The Speaker	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Provisions salted, dried, or preserved in brine, including fish, 2d. per lb.

Question put, "That a duty of 2d. per lb. be imposed on provisions salted, dried, or preserved in brine including fish," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 9
Noes 8

Majority for 1

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Logue	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Shenton	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Bussell
Mr. Brockman	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Carey	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Hassell	Mr. Newman
The Speaker	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Monger	The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Salt, £1 per ton.

Mr. NEWMAN moved that the duty be 10s. per ton.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), as an amendment, moved that the item be struck out.

Amendment agreed to.

Corn and grain, not including rice.

Mr. STEERE moved that a duty of 6d. per bushel be imposed.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) opposed the motion.

Question put, "That a duty of 6d. per bushel be imposed on corn and grain, not including rice," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 10
Noes 7

Majority for 3

Ayes.	Noes.
Mr. Logue	The Hon. F. P. Barlee
Mr. Shenton	The Hon. R. J. Walcott
Mr. Drummond	Mr. Marmion
Mr. Brockman	Mr. Bickley
Mr. Carey	The Speaker
Mr. Hassell	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Newman	The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)
Mr. Monger	
Mr. Bussell	
Mr. Steere (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Bran and pollard.

Mr. LOGUE proposed that a duty of £1 per ton be imposed on bran and pollard.

Question agreed to.

Tea.

The SPEAKER moved that an additional duty of 2d. per lb. be imposed on tea.

Question put, "That an additional duty of 2d. per lb. be imposed on tea," upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes 10
Noes 7

Majority for 3

Ayes.	Noes.
The Hon. F. P. Barlee	Mr. Bussell
The Hon. R. J. Walcott	Mr. Monger
Mr. Newman	Mr. Pearse
Mr. Bickley	Mr. Carey
Mr. Marmion	Mr. Hassell
Mr. Steere	Mr. Drummond
The Speaker	Mr. Shenton (Teller.)
Mr. Brockman	
Mr. Logue	
The Hon. M. Fraser (Teller.)	

Question thus passed.

Cigars and snuff, 5s. per lb.; coffee, 1d. per lb.; sugar, refined and candy, 4s. per cwt.; sugar, moist and molasses, 3s. per cwt.; tobacco, manufactured, 2s. 6d. per lb.; tobacco, unmanufactured, 1s. per lb.; tobacco for sheep-wash, 3d. per lb.; wine, bottled and in wood, 4s. per gallon.

The above items were adopted *nem. con.*

Question—that an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent. be imposed on all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the colony, and not otherwise charged with a specific duty, or not included in the free list—was agreed to.

Second schedule—goods free of duty.

Question—that the following articles be removed from the second schedule and made subject to an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per cent.:—anchors, anvils, blacksmith's bellows, carriage, dray, and wagon springs, mountings, trimmings, iron fittings, felloes, spoke naves for wheels, shafts, cheese presses, copper and composition rod, bolts, sheathing, nails, crab-winch, cranes, capstans, windlasses, felt for sheathing, footrot specific, lime juice, machinery for hay and wool pressing, marble slabs inscribed for monuments, rope above three inches, sail cloth, scab specific, Allen's sheep dipping specific, ships' blocks, flags, chandlery not otherwise described, tarpaulins, telescopes and theodolites, watch movements, and wire ropes for ships—agreed to.

Bills reported, with amendments.

The Council adjourned at 9.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 27th August, 1872.

Free Entries P. & O. Company—Appropriation Bill: first reading—Vacancies in Public Offices—Resident Magistrate, Murray and Williams: in committee—Reward for Payable Gold-field: in committee—Municipal Council Geraldton Bill: first reading—Immigration: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.
PRAYERS.

FREE ENTRIES P. & O. COMPANY.

Mr. HASSELL, in accordance with notice, asked the Colonial Secretary to lay on the table a list of the free entries passed by the P. & O. Company at the Port of Albany since the 11th January, 1871.

Paper tabled.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

First Reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate the sum of £104,062 4s. 10d. out of the general revenue of the colony for the service of the year 1873.

The Bill was read a first time.

VACANCIES IN PUBLIC OFFICES.

Mr. STEERE moved, that, having in view the proposed appointment, at the commencement of next session, of a committee to inquire into the expediency of reducing the public expenditure, the Council is of opinion that in the event of any vacancy occurring in any public office in the colony, the Government should make arrangements, either by amalgamation of offices, or by reduction of salary, to effect a saving in the public expenditure.

Mr. SHENTON seconded the motion.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), as an amendment, moved the insertion of the words "so far as may be practicable," after the word "arrangements."

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, MURRAY AND WILLIAMS.

Mr. STEERE, in accordance with notice, moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to instruct the resident magistrate of the Murray district to hold a Court of Petty Sessions at least once a month at the Williams and assuring His Excellency that the Council is willing to vote an increase of salary of £50 per annum, which, together with his present pay and allowances, the Council is of opinion is amply sufficient remuneration of the work to be performed by the above-mentioned official.

In Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said His Excellency could not entertain such a memorial, it being a distinct interference with his prerogative.

After an animated discussion,

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House assented to the sum of £50 being expended in securing the services of a justice of the peace to perform the magisterial duties appertaining to the Williams.

REWARD FOR PAYABLE GOLD-FIELD.

Mr. LOGUE, in accordance with notice, moved that the Government be empowered to offer a reward to any person or persons who will discover a workable gold-field within a radius of 300 miles from any declared port in the colony, the amount of reward to be in proportion to the number of ounces of gold exported, being the produce of such gold-field;