

line; that the words "and to view, inspect, repair, or alter" be inserted between the words "land" and "the" in the 10th line; and that the words "said city" and the words "or the persons aforesaid" in the 10th and 11th lines be struck out.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 2—

The ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. G. W. Leake) moved that the words "whereby such land is injuriously affected," in the third line, be struck out and the words "or proper" inserted in lieu.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3—

The ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. G. W. Leake) moved that the words "said city," in the second line, be struck out; that the words "or owners" be inserted between the word "owner" and "of" in the third line; that the words "or a" in the third line be struck out and the words "thereof or such" inserted in lieu; that the words "in money of any such land or such part thereof," in the third and fourth lines, be struck out; and that the word "they" in the fourth line be struck out and the words "the council" inserted in lieu.

Mr. STEERE moved, as an amendment, that the Bill be reprinted.

Amendment agreed to.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 9.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 23rd July, 1874.

Responsible Government—Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, Amendment Bill: select committee report—Swan River Bridge Petition: select committee report: in committee—Harbor Improvements: Message from the Governor, No. 2—Floating Dock at Fremantle: in committee—Responsible Government—Floating Dock at Fremantle: in committee—Responsible Government: Message from the Governor, No. 3—Floating Dock at Fremantle: in committee—Removal of Timber—Immigration: select committee report: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.
PRAYERS.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), with leave, moved that the Address to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the resolution of the Council, relative to the establishment of Responsible Government, be presented by the Speaker and other members of the House.

Question put and passed.

WINES, BEER, AND SPIRIT SALE ACT, 1872, AMENDMENT BILL.

Select Committee Report.

Mr. MARMION brought up the report of the select committee appointed to consider the Bill and moved that the same be read.

Question put and passed.

Report read, and ordered to be printed.

SWAN RIVER BRIDGE PETITION.

Select Committee Report: In Committee.

A short conversation ensued, resulting in the House agreeing to further consider the motion when the Estimates were under discussion.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Message from the Governor—No. 2.

The SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor concurs in the opinion embodied in the Report of Your Select Committee on the Harbor Works question, and adopted by Your Honorable Council, that "no work should be commenced until a competent engineer has given an opinion by a personal inspection of the site for a proposed break-water;" and bearing in mind your further recommendation, in reference to Your Committee's plan, that you "would not advise its being carried out in detail till further information is obtained," he also concurs with you in thinking that "should it be impossible to secure the services of an engineer from Victoria, that then, without further delay, a commencement should be made in accordance with such detailed plan as may approve itself to Government;" and he observes that a subsequent resolution specifies four months as the term which suggests itself to your Council. This recommendation will fall in with the course

of events marked out by your recent resolution in favor of Constitutional or Responsible Government, for, so far as the Governor is now able to foresee, your decision in favor of the establishment of Constitutional Government will necessitate the reassembling of Your Honorable Council in about four months' time; but should the professional and scientific opinion obtainable in the interim be favorable to your proposed plan of works, the Governor will consider himself authorized immediately to proceed with the construction.

The Governor approves of the desire of Your Honorable Council to make provision for a commencement of Harbor Works. He supposes, however, that you would prefer to make it without having recourse to special taxation, and without interfering with other works, roads, jetties, bridges, buildings for the new Land Registration Department, and the provision which must now be necessarily made to provide for the expenses attending the introduction of the Constitutional changes you have asked for.

Until your deliberations on these subjects shall have reached a close, it will necessarily be impossible for the Governor to know whether you will leave him a sufficient margin out of the funds at your disposal to provide, without special taxation, the additional sum of £5,000. Should you enable him to do so he will recommend it as a Supplementary Estimate; but he believes that your object would be equally well attained, if, without the sacrifice of objects you require, or those of other districts, or having recourse to special taxation, you were before the close of the Session, by Resolution, to enable the Governor to wither borrow the sum of £5,000 as an advance, or to take it out of surplus revenue, if any, on the understanding that at the option of the Council it be repaid out of a loan or covered by vote.

In thus expressing his personal views, and his readiness to co-operate in carrying out any well-considered plan of Harbor Works, which under the existing form of Government it is competent for him to do, the Governor reminds Your Honorable House, that should he obtain the consent of Her Majesty to your request for constitutional changes and to the establishment of the system of Responsible Government, it would then become his duty, in regard to Harbor Works and similar purely colonial

questions, to take no step himself, but to be guided strictly by the advice of his Constitutional Ministers.

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FLOATING DOCK AT FREMANTLE.

In Committee.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee), in accordance with notice, moved that the memorial from Messrs. Bateman and others, respecting the construction of a floating dock at Fremantle, be considered in a Committee of the whole House. The projectors were prepared to construct a dock capable of accommodating a vessel of 1,000 tons burthen—and, if deemed expedient, vessels of larger tonnage such as the mail steamers—conditionally that the Government guaranteed an annual nett profit of 8 per cent. for 15 years, and that the necessary material for constructing the dock be imported free of customs duty; the work to be completed within 18 months to the satisfaction of the Government, who, during the period of the guarantee, should have the power to regulate the dock charges. He (the Colonial Secretary) would move as an amendment on the memorial that on the completion of a dock of the nature, dimensions, and capabilities referred to in the memorandum under consideration; such interest on the amount expended in the construction thereof be guaranteed by the Government as during the first three years shall ensure a nett profit of 8 per cent., and during the remainder of the period—12 years—such interest as shall render the nett profit 6 per cent.; the guarantee to cease when the dock was not in a serviceable condition for public use.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The SPEAKER announced that he had presented the Address concerning Responsible Government to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would send a formal reply.

FLOATING DOCK AT FREMANTLE.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Mr. BICKLEY opposed the memorial and the amendment, and recommended the construction of a slip, in lieu of the proposed

dock, as a cheaper and equally effective mode of attaining the object in view. As an amendment on the amendment of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary he would move—That the guarantee desired by the projectors cannot be acceded to.

Mr. STEERE supported the views and the amendment of the hon. member Mr. Bickley.

Mr. MARMION, the SURVEYOR GENERAL (Hon. M. Fraser) and Mr. PEARSE spoke in favor of the project, which was further opposed by Mr. BIRCH, Mr. PADBURY, and Mr. HAMERSLEY.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Message from the Governor—No. 3.

The SPEAKER reported the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor, in reply to the Address which has this morning been presented to him by Mr. Speaker in the name and on behalf of Your Honorable Council on the subject of Constitutional Changes, thanks Your Honorable Council for your expression of confidence in the honesty and ability of the present Government of this Colony.

The Governor will not fail to point out to Her Majesty's Secretary of State that your conclusion on the very momentous and important Constitutional question before you has been arrived at with remarkable unanimity, and that the proceedings which have led to it have been characterised by a marked moderation of tone, and total absence of party feeling, which, in a matter like this, must carry much weight and redound to the credit of the Colony.

The Governor is not in a position to express the views of Her Majesty's Government upon the question of Responsible Government, but, in compliance with your request, he will cause a Bill to be prepared and introduced into your Council; and in the event of your passing it, he will recommend that Her Majesty's assent be given to it, and that the system of Ministerial Responsibility be with the least possible delay established in this, as in the other Australian Colonies.

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FLOATING DOCK AT FREMANTLE.

In Committee.

Resumed debate.

Mr. CROWTHER moved that the memorial of the projectors and the resolution of the Colonial Secretary be referred to a select committee consisting of Mr. Steere, Mr. Bickley, Mr. Glyde, Mr. Padbury and Mr. Marmion.

Question put and passed.

REMOVAL OF TIMBER.

Mr. CAREY, in accordance with notice, moved that in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that such alteration be made to the Land Regulations, clause 103, as will permit persons other than the licensee to remove timber.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

IMMIGRATION.

Select Committee Report: In Committee.

Mr. STEERE expressed disappointment that the report contained no recommendation for providing an immediate supply of labor, and suggested that the Government be empowered at once to import, say, 150 Chinese or Javanese laborers, who might be brought here in the vessels that are constantly trading between this colony and the Eastern ports. He quite concurred with the committee as to the difficulty and the expenses attendant upon coolie immigration.—difficulties of which few people, apparently, were aware. The concession of land recommended to be made to each adult immigrant was, in his opinion, ample.

Mr. HAMERSLEY considered that the importation of Chinese and Javanese was a matter for private enterprise, and he saw no reason for State interference except in cases where the settlers themselves could not succeed in obtaining the class of labor they required.

Mr. STEERE strongly combated this view.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) expressed his concurrence with some of the recommendations embodied in the report, but could not altogether agree with others. He regretted the committee had not devoted more attention to the question of how best to retain immigrants in the colony once having arrived here. He looked with much dread to the possibility of our expending a very large sum of money in introducing people

here who would merely make this colony a stepping-stone to reach our more attractive neighbors. He concurred with the hon. member for York that no refund should be required for short residence, and deprecated any attempt being made by the Government of this colony—in accordance with the recommendations embodied in the report—to kidnap, so to speak, European people imported to the neighboring colonies at public expense.

Mr. LOGUE generally concurred with what had fallen from the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. PADBURY suggested that as the Hon. the Speaker intended proceeding to England at an early date he be empowered to treat with the Imperial Government with regard to the immigrants the Mother Country owes us, in accordance with the terms of the bargain entered into when this colony consented to become the receptacle for British convicts.

Mr. MARMION recommended the appointment of a paid agent at Home, to represent the colony. He had no faith in the patriotic exertions of old colonists, of which they heard so much in connection with the selection and deportation of a suitable class of emigrants from the Mother Country. As he understood that it was the intention of the Colonial Secretary to submit certain resolutions as an amendment upon the report, he would move the adjournment of the debate until Monday.

Progress reported, and leave obtained to sit again.

The Council adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 24th July, 1874.

Chairman of Committees—Stipend of Resident Medical Officer, Murray District: in committee—Perth City Council Bill: in committee—Wines, Beer, and Spirit Sale Act, 1872, Amendment Bill: select committee report: in committee.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 6 p.m.

PRAYERS.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES.

The SPEAKER announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Carey, Chairman of Committees, stating that he was unable to attend through illness.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) moved that during the temporary absence of Mr. Carey, the Speaker be elected Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

STIPEND OF RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER, MURRAY DISTRICT.

In Committee.

Mr. HAMERSLEY moved that an humble petition be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that the sum of £100 be placed on the Estimates as salary for the medical officer at the Murray, instead of £50 as at present.

The consideration of the motion was postponed until the Estimates come on for discussion.

PERTH CITY COUNCIL BILL.

In Committee.

Resumed debate, after reprinting.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3: Where any land is required for the purposes of this Act, the Council are hereby empowered to agree with the owner or owners of such land for the absolute purchase thereof for such consideration as the parties shall think proper—

Mr. BURT thought it would be inadvisable to give a corporation power to purchase land for any consideration it might think proper, but that such consideration should be in money only. This was the case with railway companies in England. He would therefore move that in lieu of the words "for such consideration as the parties shall think proper," the words "for a consideration in money as the parties shall think proper" be inserted.

The ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. G. W. Leake) pointed out that the clause as it stood did not exclude pecuniary consideration, and proceeded to show how it might be desirable in certain cases to empower the corporation to purchase, by mutual agreement, for considerations other than money.

Mr. BURT withdrew his amendment.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 12 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, without amendment.