

going to vote large sums of money out of general revenue, in addition to what has already been provided on the Estimates, it will very considerably reduce the balance we expect to have on hand at the end of the year. Bearing in mind the amount of the liability we are likely to incur in connection with the other public works, some of them of considerable magnitude, I think it is very desirable we should have a decent nest-egg, by way of a balance, to show our creditors that there is a sound probability of our being able to pay the interest on our loans.

MR. CROWTHER said he quite agreed with what had fallen from the hon. member, Mr. Loton. He thought it was a mistake to put these large amounts—or indeed any amounts—upon the Supplementary Estimates, unless in cases of urgent or immediate necessity. As to the implied promise which it had been stated the Government and the House had made last year that this work should be undertaken if brought forward again this session, all the implied promise he could find on record was that the Colonial Secretary appeared to have said that he hoped this year our finances might be in such a condition as to warrant us in carrying out the work properly and not in a mere make-shift way. That the line was a desirable one he agreed, but he did not think this was the proper way to get it, namely, out of general revenue. This amount would pay the interest on a very large sum of money, and as there were other branch telegraph lines required, and more particularly a line to Kimberley, he thought the best thing to be done would be to provide for these works in the new loan.

MR. VENN said he agreed with the principle which had been laid down for the first time that night, that our telegraph lines should be constructed out of loan; and had he been aware that such was the wish of the House he should probably have framed his motion differently, or deferred it until a later period of the session. Under the circumstances, and having heard the views expressed by hon. members, and the principle now for the first time laid down in that House, he thought the best thing he could do was to follow the advice of the hon. member for the

Murray, and postpone the question until the Estimates came before them. He would, therefore, move that progress be reported, and leave given the committee to sit again on August 4th.

This was agreed to.

The House adjourned at half-past nine o'clock, p.m.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

*Tuesday, 22nd July, 1884.*

Rolling Stock for 3rd Section Eastern Railway—Wharf at Carnarvon—Goods Shed and Moorings and Buoys at Bunbury—Presentation of the Address in Reply—Building Bill: first reading—Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Act, 1880, Amendment Bill: first reading—Plans for New Government Offices—Naval Deserters Bill: in committee—Regulation of Whipping Bill: in committee—Designs and Trade Marks Bill: in committee—General Loan and Inscribed Stock Bill: third reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

### ROLLING STOCK FOR 3RD SECTION EASTERN RAILWAY.

MR. STEERE asked the Commissioner of Railways whether the rolling stock for the third section of the Eastern Railway had yet been ordered from the Crown Agents; and, if so, when such indent was forwarded, and when the requisite rolling stock may be expected to arrive?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS (Mr. C. T. Mason) replied that the indent is ready, but could not be forwarded in advance of the Loan Estimates for 1885, which had yet to be passed by that House.

### WHARF AT CARNARVON.

MR. BROWN asked the Director of Public Works what steps had been taken to provide at Carnarvon the

wharf, to cover the cost of which £300 was voted upon the Estimates a year ago?

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Mr. C. T. Mason) said the tender of Messrs. Crowther and Baston had been accepted for the work referred to.

#### GOODS SHED, MOORINGS, ETC., FOR BUNBURY.

MR. VENN, in accordance with notice, moved, "That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates the sum of £1000 (in addition to money already voted), for the construction of a goods shed at the land end of the jetty, and to defray cost of relaying moorings and buoys, also to provide anchor, chain and hawser, for the assistance of vessels in distress at the Port of Bunbury." The hon. member said this was the subject of a resolution passed at a large and influential meeting of the residents of Bunbury, held the other day. It might be in the recollection of hon. members that a sum of £500 was voted last year for the extension of the jetty at Bunbury, which amount, he believed, was to come out of the unexpended balance of the road loan, and was, he presumed, still available,—at any rate it had not been expended. The reason, he believed, why it had not been expended, was because the Government and the Municipal Council had been in correspondence as to the control of the jetty, the Municipality believing it would be to the interest of the town and district if they were to take it over and do the necessary extension, at the same time receiving the jetty dues. But that idea had been abandoned, and the jetty remained as it was, and the £500 remained unexpended. That sum, however, would not be nearly sufficient even for the jetty extension, and, in addition to that, a goods shed was very much required at the shore end of the jetty. The sum of £100 granted for this purpose might as well not have been voted; it had only served to build a trumpery shanty, which was of no earthly use, except just to cover the goods that might be landed from the steamers at night. As to the moorings,

he had asked the Government last year to have these attended to, but it had not been done, and the anchorage at Bunbury was at the present moment in a deplorable state, and most dangerous to vessels coming in there. He hoped hon. members would not offer any opposition to this address, or shuffle it off as they did the Bridgetown telegraph address. These were works that had always in the past been undertaken out of general revenue and not out of loans.

MR. BROWN said that under ordinary circumstances he did not know that he should have opposed such a resolution as this, but he felt bound to take the same course with regard to it as he did with regard to the other address brought forward by the hon. member, for a sum to be placed on the Estimates for a line of telegraph to Bridgetown. He thought it was inexpedient that the House should at this early stage pledge the revenues of the colony for carrying out public works of this nature, of which he noticed several already looming on the notice paper, and, if agreed to, other members would, no doubt, feel bound to bring forward the requirements of their own districts. His Excellency, judging from his Speech, evidently contemplated addressing the House most fully upon the question of public works, to be undertaken out of loan money; and it appeared to him that the extension of the jetties at our various outports was a work that might very properly be included in our next loan, rather than that these works should be undertaken out of current revenue.

MR. CAREY said the hon. member for the Gascoyne appeared to have very suddenly awoke to the fact that jetties and other local works were works that ought not to be undertaken out of general revenue. It was not so long ago when that House was asked to vote £1500 for the extension of a jetty at Geraldton, but the hon. member, who then sat for Geraldton, did not think that was a work that ought not to be undertaken out of current revenue. Since then £2000 had been voted towards a hospital at Geraldton, but the hon. member did not think that was a work that ought not to be undertaken out of current revenue. But when it was asked that a comparatively small sum shall be

appropriated out of the general revenue to provide an acknowledged want at the port of Bunbury, it suddenly dawned upon the hon. member that these works ought not to be undertaken out of current revenue, but out of loan money. [Mr. Brown: We live and learn.] So it appeared; and some of them lived long enough to learn that a very large share of the loaves and fishes usually went to the North, and that a very small share went to the South, which small share was very grudgingly given.

Mr. SHENTON said the proposal for a telegraph line to Bridgetown, put forward the other night by the same hon. member, and the present proposal, involved an expenditure of between £3000 and £4000, for one district. Bearing in mind that there were other districts which had equal claims with the South in the shape of public works—Northam and Newcastle, for instance, with their much-needed branch railways—he thought, if they all went on at this rate, there would not be much of the surplus revenue unappropriated at the end of the year, to meet the interest on any loan for any work of national importance.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. M. Fraser) had no wish whatever to see this address shelved; on the contrary, he hoped the proposed works would be taken into consideration with other works of a similar character, before the session closed. The Government were fully alive to the necessity for jetty extension and improved jetty accommodation not only at Bunbury but at other outports; but he thought these were works that might fairly be charged against loan account,—at any rate as regards their first construction; though he thought their upkeep should come out of general revenue. He would suggest that the motion be allowed to remain on the order paper until a later period of the session, and, provided they found themselves in a position, which he trusted they would—though it was impossible for him to speak with any authority on the subject at the present moment—to provide for these and other local works of a similar character, the question of their construction might then be taken into consideration.

Mr. CROWTHER thought the day was not far distant when a general scheme

for the extension of jetties throughout the colony would have to be taken in hand, either out of current revenue or loan.

Mr. MARMION was glad to see the opposition shown to the construction and extension of jetties out of current revenue. At the same time he would point out that hon. members had gone altogether off the line in this case. There was no proposal here for jetty extension; the motion had reference only to a goods shed and the replacing of some buoys and moorings, for which money was voted annually out of general revenue.

Mr. RANDELL said he should like, before the question was put to the House, to express his satisfaction at the way in which the House had dealt with the subject. He had been pretty consistent in opposing these early addresses to the Governor, praying for sums of money to be placed on the Estimates, and he thought that in this instance, as in others, the motion was premature. He quite recognised the claims of the port of Bunbury to have these works, but he did deprecate this scrambling for votes out of public funds, before they hardly knew where they were or how they stood; and he was glad to see the House putting its foot down at this early stage of the session. He only hoped hon. members would be inclined to deal the same with all other motions of a similar character, until the Estimates were placed before them, or they had the scheme of public works which the Government proposed to undertake out of the new loan.

Mr. VENN said he felt that in the present temper of the House it would be rather risky for him to push the question to a division, and, under the circumstances, he would move, as in the case of the other address he had brought forward, that progress be reported, and leave given for the committee to sit again on Monday, August 4.

This was agreed to.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE ADDRESS IN REPLY.

At half-past twelve the Council adjourned, and hon. members proceeded to Government House to present the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, and, upon the House re-assembling—

THE SPEAKER announced to the Council that the Address in Reply had been presented to His Excellency the Governor in accordance with the resolution of the House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE  
“LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

“I receive with pleasure your assurances of assistance in the public business which will be brought before you this session; and I particularly thank you for your kind congratulations on the distinction recently conferred upon me by Her Majesty.

“Government House, Perth, 22nd July, 1884.”

#### BUILDING BILL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. A. P. Hensman) moved the first reading of a Bill to regulate the construction of Buildings in Perth and Fremantle and other towns within the colony.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

#### WINES, BEER, AND SPIRITS SALE ACT, 1880, AMENDMENT BILL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. A. P. Hensman) moved the first reading of a Bill to amend “The Wines, Beer, and Spirits Sale Act, 1880.”

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

#### PLANS FOR NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

MR. SHENTON moved, “That the plans which had been prepared for the completion of the new Government Offices be referred to a select committee; consisting of the Colonial Secretary, the Director of Public Works, Mr. Loton, Mr. Carey, and the mover, and, with permission, Mr. Venn and Mr. Steere.”

Agreed to.

#### NAVAL DESERTERS BILL.

This bill passed through committee *sub silentio*.

#### REGULATION OF WHIPPING BILL.

This bill also passed through committee, without comment.

#### DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS BILL.

The House went into committee for the consideration of this bill.

Clauses 1 and 2:

Agreed to, without discussion.

Clause 3—“This Act shall come into operation on the ——— :”

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. A. P. Hensman) said as it would be necessary to frame certain rules to facilitate the operation of the Act, regulating the fees payable, the classification of goods, etc., and as there was no great hurry perhaps for bringing the Act into force, the colony having done so long without it, he would suggest that the Act should not come into operation until the beginning of the year. He would therefore move that the blank be filled up by inserting the words “1st January, 1885.”

This was agreed to, and the clause put and passed.

The remaining clauses of the bill elicited no comment.

Preamble and title:

Agreed to.

Bill reported.

#### GENERAL LOAN AND INSCRIBED STOCK BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes past three o'clock.