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**Summary:**

1. **Estimated:** 420,680
2. **Actual:** 420,680


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1917.
COMMISSION

W. FORREST, Chairman.

By His Excellency Lieut.-Col. Sir Frederick Stirling, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, etc., etc.

To the Honourable Sir George Smten, Knight, President of the Legislative Council; the Honourable Sir James George Lee, Baronet, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; the Most Honorable Sir John Fremantle, K.C.M.G., Attorney-General; the Honourable James Fyfe, M.L.C.; the Honourable Edmund H. Petrie, M.L.C.; and Honourable Public Works, Graham Bowdler, Esquire, M.P.; and William Trigg, Esquire, M.A.; and George Lawrence, Esquire, M.L.C.,

WHEREAS I have been requested by the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into and report upon a site suitable for the proposed New Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the circumstances of the Colony;

NOW THEREFORE I, Lieut.-Col. Sir George Stirling, K.C.M.G., Governor as aforesaid, do hereby appoint, and do hereby appoint, you, the said Sir George Salmon, Sir James George Lee, Smten, Captain John Forrest, Frederick H. Fowke, George Robb, and George Lahden, to be Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid.

And I do hereby desire and request that you do, or any two of you, act severally, or together, or separately, or separately, as you shall think fit, in writing your proceedings in virtue of this Commission;

And I do appoint you, and the said Sir James Lee Stirling, to be Chairman of the said Commissioners.

Given at Perth this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1882.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,

JOHN FORREST.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!!

Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon a Site and suitable Plans for the proposed New Houses of Parliament.

18th July, 1887.

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to His Excellency the Governor, the Report of the Commission appointed on the 15th March last to inquire into and report upon a site for the proposed new Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the circumstances of the Colony.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. LEE STEELE,
Chairman.

The Honourable
Sir Acting Premier.

To His Excellency Lieut.-Col. Sir George Stirling, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, etc., etc.

Sir,

The Commission appointed by Your Excellency on March 15th, 1887, to inquire into and report upon a site for the proposed new Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the circumstances of the Colony, have the honour to report to Your Excellency as follows:

I report to the Commission that they have only been enabled so far to visit the Government buildings. It was not possible for them to visit the buildings of the Government of the United Kingdom, as they were not accessible to them. The buildings visited by the Commission are the Government buildings in Sydney, which consists of the Government House and the Legislative Council building, and the other buildings in the same city. It is proposed to the Commission that the site of the Government House in Sydney should be in the same position as the site of the Government House in England.

The Commission, following the recommendation of the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the position of the Government Buildings, is of the opinion that the position of the Government Buildings should be in the same place as the site of the Government House in Sydney. It is proposed to the Commission that the site of the Government House in Sydney should be in the same position as the site of the Government House in England.

The Commission submits the site of the Government House in Sydney as the most suitable site for the proposed new Houses of Parliament, and recommends that the site should be in the same position as the site of the Government House in Sydney. It is proposed to the Commission that the site of the Government House in Sydney should be in the same position as the site of the Government House in England.

W. W. FORREST.

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W. W. FORREST.
COMMISSION

By His Excellency Lord Colonel Sir George Steuart, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, Governor and Command-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c.,

To the Honorable Sir George Steuart, Knight, President of the Legislative Council; the Honorable Sir James Drummond, Esquire, Knight, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; the Honorable Secretary Burn, M.E.A., Attorney General; the Honorable Rev. Dr. Watson, M.L.C.; the Honorable Patrick Hickey, Esquire, Minister of Railways, &c., &c., &c.; and the Honorable Sir George Steuart, Bart., Esquire, M.L.A.; and George Lorenzo, I.A.;

WE, the undersigned, have been ordered by the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into and report upon a site for the proposed New Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the requirements of the Colony.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lord Colonel Sir George Steuart, K.C.G.Z., Governor as aforesaid, have thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint, you, and the Honorable Sir James Drummond, Sir James George Fox, Esquire; George Steuart, Esquire; Robert B. Poole; George Russell; and George Steuart, Esquire, to be Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

And I do hereby desire and require that you do, or each of you, accept the same, and very respectfully beg of you in writing your proceedings in virtue of this Commission;

And I do now appoint you, the said Sir James Lee Steuart, to be Chairman of the said Commissioners.

Given at Perth this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1842.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,

JOHN FORREST

AND HAVE THE QUEEN!!!

Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon a site and suitable plans for the proposed New Houses of Parliament.

Perth, 16th July, 1842.

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed on the 5th March last, to inquire into and report upon a site for the proposed new Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the requirements of the Colony.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. G. LEE STEUART,
Chancellor.

The Honorable
the Acting Premier.

To His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Sir George Steuart, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George, Governor and Command-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c.,

Sir,

The Commission appointed by Your Excellency on March 10th, 1842, to inquire into and report upon a site and suitable plans for the proposed new Houses of Parliament, and to recommend suitable plans for the necessary buildings to meet the requirements of the Colony, have the honour to report to Your Excellency as follows:

It appeared to the Commissioners that there was only one suitable site belonging to the Government possessing sufficient area on which to erect buildings suitable for the House of the Legislative Assembly, one of which sites is that of St. George's Terrace, where the present Legislative Council building stands, the other is in a position directly in front of the Court House and the Post Office, in the East end of the George's Terrace.

The Commissioners, having had the recommendation of Saint Stephen's Committee of Public and Parliamentary buildings, both in England and in the other Colonies, and which were adopted by their Legislatures, are of opinion that it is expedient that the House of the Legislative Assembly should be in a position directly in front of the Court House and the Post Office, and so centrally situated as to be accessible to the various Public Offices, and so naturally situated as to attract the attention of Members of Parliament and of the public generally, as regards the convenience of Members of Parliament and of the public generally.

The Commissioners think that the site is St. George's Terrace, on which stands the Legislative Council Chamber, by far the most suitable for the proposed enlargement and development, and that it is the most centrally situated in the proposed expansion and that it is the most centrally situated in the proposed expansion.

A suitable building could be erected in the central position in the least expense, and it is proposed that the site be allotted to the Legislative Council Chamber, and that suitable plans be prepared for the new Houses of Parliament to be erected on this spot.
an unpromising view of the rear from this building. In addition to this, there will be a ready access to the Government Gardens, which will join on to this building, and which will much enhance the convenience and pleasure of Members of Parliament.

The site selected in Parliament Terrace, at the back of the President's Building, is, in the opinion from the actual position of Perth, being 1,500 yards from the General Post Office, and would act fully any disadvantage which the Committee feared to be necessary. Being a site on an elevated position, and having an extensive view, it possesses no recommendations as a site for new Houses of Parliament.

It is well to point out that a building erected on the site of the back of the President's Building would necessitate the pulling down of these buildings, which are now occupied by offices in the Public Works Department, and new offices would have to be provided for these departments at a probable cost, including the purchase of land, of not less than £20,000, which amount should be added on to the estimated cost of Parliament House if built on this site.

Following the same principle in Victoria, the Committee recommends that a Royal Council, consisting of Members of both Houses, should be appointed "to experiment the work through its connection with the works of the Parliament House, and to advise new questions, such as internal arrangements and decoration, from time to time as they arise."

The estimated cost of the buildings, if erected on the site recommended by the Committee, and of the estimated cost of Parliament House, is £100,000.

Please show the elevation of these buildings and the proposed internal arrangements are submitted with this report, together with black plans of the two sites.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Committee are enclosed.

JAS. G. LEWIS STEERE, Chairman.

SEP. HENIE.

F. H. FERRE.

G. HANSELL.

COMMENTS:

We feel compelled to repeat our impression that great emphasis cannot be given in almost every particular from the report of the majority of the Committee. The nature of the Committee was for the benefit of the House of Representatives and the site selected is not suitable. The location was not natural, and it appears to us, in the absence of evidence which is generally held, to be based upon reasons which for the most part will not be of much consideration, and in many cases points of importance. The site recommended is in many ways admirably situated. To secure the several advantages of a so-called "central position", the Committee recommends that the House of Representatives should be erected in the same position, and that the Members of both houses should be situated therein, and a view of the proposed site included with the report, and opposed to the disadvantages of some of the important considerations, which are now considered as suitable for our present columns, but as respectfully beg the attention of the Members of Parliament for the consideration of the other Members of the Committee, but without avail.

J. W. RICHET.

COMMITTEE LEAVE.
as an additional cost of the time from the buildings. In addition to this, there will be a ready access to the three courtyards, which will join on to the building, and which will enable the emplo- yees and officers of Members of Parliament.

The site selected by the Committee, at the back of the Parliament Buildings, is too far removed from the central position of the building, being a 1,000 yards from the General Post Office, and would not suit the requirements of the Committee. It is also not in a position where the Committee desire to be necessary. Instead of an extensive building, having no extensive river, it possesses no recommendations as to the site for the site of Parliament Buildings.

It is well to point out also that a building erected on the site at the back of the Parliament Buildings would accommodate the rolling down of these buildings, which are now occupied by officers in the Public Works Department, and new officers would have to be provided for these purposes at a probable cost, including the purchase of land, of not less than £40,000, which amount should not be added to the estimated cost of Parliament Buildings in the present position.

Following the views adopted in Venice, the Committee recommends that a Royal Commission, consisting of Members of both Houses, be appointed to report on the buildings and to consider new arrangements and decorations, fees to the expense of the site.

The estimated cost of the buildings, if erected on the site recommended by the Committee, and built of materials which the Committee considered, is £40,000, and if erected on the site selected by the Committee, £140,000.

Plans showing the elevation of the buildings and the proposed internal arrangements are submitted with this report, together with block plans of the two sites.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Committee are also enclosed.

JAS. G. LEE STEELE, Chairman.
SEPT., 1920.
F. H. FISCHER.
G. RANDALL.

MINUTES.

We have suggested to replace our present seat to long or unimportant distance along the lines of the majority of the Committee. The aim of the Committee was to secure the assembling of the body of the House, which has been ruled to be in the interest of the public welfare which should have been ruled, but it is upon reason which all the present to be the central position, and it means much more in logical process. The aim of the Committee is to secure the convenience of Parliament, and to maintain an efficient body of Parliament, as well as to be able to hold the present building, and to be able to hold the present site.

1. Mr. Charles Lang's new building is the subject recommended by the Committee.

2. The Committee recommends the adoption of the site selected by the Committee, and built of materials which the Committee considered, is £40,000, and if erected on the site selected by the Committee, £140,000.

3. The Committee recommends that a survey should be made of the site selected by the Committee, and built of materials which the Committee considered, is £40,000, and if erected on the site selected by the Committee, £140,000.

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6. The Committee then adjourned until Thursday, 15th June.

C. LEE STEELE, Secretary.

THURSDAY, 15th JUNE, 1920.

Present:
Mr. H. G. L. Lee, M.L.A.
The Hon. Mr. W. Rodger, M.L.A.
The Hon. Mr. J. G. Lee, M.L.A.
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The Hon. Mr. J. G. Lee, M.L.A.
THURSDAY, 17th JUNE.

Present:
The Hon. Sir J. G. Lee Steere (in the Chair),
The Hon. S. Brett, G.C., M.A.,
The Hon. P. F. Power, M.A.,
The Hon. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C.,
The Hon. G. Bradley, M.L.C.,
George Leduc, Esq., M.L.A.

1. The Minutes of the last two meetings of the Commission were read and adopted.

2. The Chairman submitted an amended plan prepared by the Public Works Department of Buildings adopted to the site of the present Legislative Council.

3. The Hon. S. Brett moved, and the Hon. P. F. Power seconded, that the plan submitted and marked A be approved and recommenced for adoption.

Carried.

4. The Hon. J. W. Hackett seconded, and Mr. Leduc seconded, that in view of the several matters which the conduct of new Parliament Buildings will involve, probably amounting to not less than 40 acres of land, the Commission may best be established with a suitable staff of officers, and that full justice may be done to the interests of the country to its chief building:

(a) that the interests of the two designs prepared by the Public Works Department,

(b) that the possibility of the buildings cost, as presented to the Commission, be reduced by the inclusion of suitable sites for the building of the new Parliament Buildings, and that the Commission be vested with the power to purchase such sites;

(c) that the views of the City Council and the Council Committee be reported as to the constructional interference with the public gardens;

(d) that the views of the Council of the country be obtained as to the suitability of the sites for the building of the new Parliament Buildings;

This resolution was agreed to on the following division:

Ayes—4
The Hon. J. W. Hackett
Mr. Leduc
The Hon. P. F. Power
The Hon. J. W. Hackett
The Hon. S. Brett
The Hon. G. Bradley
The Hon. J. W. Hackett

5. The Chairman was requested to draft a report for resolution amongst Members, and consideration at the next meeting of the Commission.

6. The Commission agreed that another elevation plan should be prepared of the building designed for the site of the present Legislative Council.

7. The Commission adjourned until Thursday, 8th July.

C. LEE STEERE, Secretary.
THURSDAY, 17th JUNE.

Present:
The Hon. Sir J. G. Lee Smurth (in the Chair).
The Hon. W. B. Price, Q.C., M.L.A.
The Hon. P. H. Price, M.L.A.
The Hon. J. W. Hackett, M.L.A.
The Hon. G. Mackell, M.L.C.
George Leslie, Esquire, M.L.A.

1. The minutes of the last two meetings of the Committee were read and confirmed.
2. The Chairman submitted an amended plan, prepared by the Public Works Department, of buildings adapted to the site of the present Legislative Council.
3. The Hon. S. Brett moved and the Hon. F. B. Price seconded, That the plans exhibited and read be approved and recommended for adoption.
4. The Hon. J. W. Hackett moved and Mr. Leslie seconded, That in view of the present urgent which the removal of the present Parliament Buildings will involve, probably amounting to £20,000, that all alteration of plans be deferred until next season, and that full justice may be done to the interests of the country by including Buildings:
   (a) Views to perspective be taken of the two designs prepared by the Public Works Department.
   (b) Evidence be received by the Committee as to the possibilities for architectural effects presented by each of the two sites suggested.
   (c) A plan be presented showing the most practical and least cost of the proposed buildings at the present site, with the modifications which that would recommend on the greatest extent practicable, and the additional to be made to Government House to which proposals in regards to the proposed Parliament Buildings.
   (d) That the views of the City Council and the Greater Committee be requested as to the contemplated interference with the public gardens.
   (e) That evidence as to the nature of the foundations available for building on each of the sites suggested be obtained.
   (f) That evidence as to the obvious advantages or disadvantages of the respective sites be obtained.

This resolution was agreed to on the following division:

Ayes—
The Hon. J. W. Hackett
Mr. Leslie

Noes—
The Hon. S. Brett
The Hon. W. Price
The Hon. J. W. Hackett
The Hon. G. Mackell
Mr. Leslie

5. The Chairman was requested to draft a report showing the above advantages, Messrs. Hall and McKnight, and consideration of the next meeting of the Committee.
6. The Committee agreed that another elevation plan should be prepared of the buildings designed for the site of the present Legislative Council.
7. The Committee adjourned until Thursday, 8th July.