REPRESENTATION OF THE COLONY

AT

THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION,

LONDON, 1886.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE COLONY.

MINUTE.

To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,

I have read this Report with interest and attention, and I offer my best thanks to the Commissioners for their disinterested and, I trust, successful labours.

2. I enclose, for the information of the Commissioners, a copy of the letter of instructions I have issued to the Executive Commissioner.

3. Have the Commissioners any suggestions to make respecting the salaried officer who should be appointed to assist the Executive Commissioner? Can they suggest a desirable person, and the remuneration, &c.

4. As soon as all the exhibits are despatched from the Colony, I shall be glad to receive from the Commissioners a statement of their expenditure, in order that it may be exactly seen how much of the vote of £3,000 remains to meet the expenses in London.

5. The Report, together with this Minute, and the letter of instructions to the Executive Commissioner, should be published in the Gazette, for general information, and a copy of this Minute should be communicated to the Commission.

6. I have little doubt that this Exhibition, and our share in it, will be of great benefit to the Colony.

7. I trust that the Commissioners will not regard their labours as closed with the despatch of the exhibits, but will continue to assist the Government until the close of the Exhibition, in communication with the Executive Commissioner and the Acting Colonial Secretary as may be necessary.

Government House,
5th December, 1885.

F. NAPIER BROOME,
Governor.

Sir,

I have the honour to communicate to you the following instructions for your guidance in the performance of your duties as Executive Commissioner for this Colony at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, to be held in London during 1886.

2. You will continue in direct official communication with the Commissioners who have been engaged in organising the representation of Western Australia at the Exhibition, and it will be your duty to pay great attention to the views and wishes expressed by the Commissioners. At the same time, as you will be upon the spot, and as I feel sure that you will desire to act with no other object than that of promoting the interests of this Colony, I do not wish to debar you from exercising your own judgment and discretion in any matter which may arise.

3. Your appointment as Executive Commissioner has been reported by me to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, and you should, on your arrival in London, call at the Colonial Office, where I have no doubt every information and assistance will be afforded to you.

4. You should lose no time in putting yourself in communication with the executive authorities of the Exhibition.

5. Of course, your great object will be the design and arrangement of the West Australian Court, which you will spare no pains to render as complete and attractive as possible. The whole of the exhibits sent from the Colony by the Commissioners will be at your disposal for this purpose.

6. I approve the recommendation made by the Commissioners in their report with reference to the appointment of a salaried officer to assist you by giving constant attendance at the Exhibition, and informing visitors to the West Australian Court as to the exhibits and resources of this Colony.

7. The total expenditure in connection with the Exhibition should, if possible, be kept within the sum which has been voted by the Legislature, namely, £3,000. You should be careful to be informed of the progress of expenditure by the Commissioners as well as by yourself, and you should act with every economy.

Government House, Perth, W.A.,
5th December, 1885.
8. I have requested the Secretary of State to instruct the Crown Agents to defray expenses in connection with the Exhibition on account of this Colony, certified by you, to an amount not exceeding £1,500. Should further funds be required, you will have to satisfy the Secretary of State that, having regard to due economy and to the desire of the Legislature that the total sum of £3,000 should not be exceeded, the expenditure is necessary or very advisable in the interests of the Colony.

9. You will have many opportunities while in England of advancing the interests of Western Australia, and I feel sure you will use them. It will be of advantage that you should appear as frequently as possible on public occasions, whether in London or the Provinces.

10. You will keep this Government advised of your proceedings as Executive Commissioner.

11. Your expenses out of pocket while on duty connected with the Exhibition may be included in your accounts.

To the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

F. NAPIER BROOME.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report of the Commission appointed to promote the representation of the Products, Manufactures, and Resources of the Colony of Western Australia at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in 1886.

To His Excellency Sir Frederick Napier Broome, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Territory of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by Letters Patent dated the twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, under the Public Seal of the said Colony and under the hand of His Excellency the Officer then Administering the Government, to be Commissioners for the purpose of promoting the representation of the products, manufactures, and resources of the Colony of Western Australia, at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in 1886; and, by the said Letters Patent, it being further willed and directed that we should report in writing to the Governor of the said Colony, as soon as the same can conveniently be done, the proceedings in virtue of this Commission; now humbly beg to report accordingly to Your Excellency the action and measures taken by virtue of these presents.

The first meeting of the Commission was held on the seventeenth of February, and was attended by fourteen members. The Honorable the Colonial Secretary presided in the absence of the Chairman.

It was decided to form Sectional Committees to deal with special subjects, as follows:—

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and in order to obtain a thorough representation of the resources of the Colony, a circular letter was addressed to the various Government Residents, Resident Magistrates of the different districts, and to the Mayors of Perth and Fremantle, requesting them to call public meetings in their respective districts for the purpose of forming Local Committees to assist in the collection of desirable exhibits. In answer to this circular letter, Local Committees were formed at Albany, Vasse, Bunbury, York, Newcastle, Perth, Fremantle, Carnarvon, and Roebourne. These Committees commenced to collect the exhibits obtainable in their districts, and although numerous promises of support were reported, it was deemed advisable, later on, to grant to each Local Committee a sum of £50 as a stimulus to more strenuous action, to be expended in the collection of, and in the purchase of such articles as could not otherwise be obtained. Numerous advertisements were inserted in the newspapers, and letters were addressed to the principal settlers throughout the Colony inviting their cooperation, as well as to all contributors to previous Exhibitions, and, in order to arouse greater interest in the objects of this undertaking, a reprint of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales' speech made at a meeting of the Royal Commission on the 30th March last, was extensively circulated and republished in the newspapers here.

Regular monthly meetings of the Commission were held, but after a few meetings of the Sectional Committees, it being found somewhat difficult to classify the various exhibits without clashing, it was deemed desirable to amalgamate the Sections for Staple Products, Industries, and Manufactures in one, Arts being relegated to the Sectional Committee for Science.

A sub-committee was also appointed to deal especially with the representation of the Timber resources, who, after careful consideration, recommended the shipment of about 120 loads of Timber, consisting of Jarrah, Karri, Tuart, Sheoak, Native Pear, Banksia, &c. Though this quantity may, at first sight, appear unnecessarily large, the Committee were influenced by the fact that this Exhibition would afford a splendid opportunity for advertising the Woods of the Colony, not only to the English
public, but to the world at large, and that to do so effectively it would be necessary to send a quantity sufficient to supply material for experiment to any person or firms desirous of testing the qualities of the different important productions.

It is intended that three Trophies should be erected of the timber which will be forwarded, and that the furniture cabinets and fittings of the Court should be made from indigenous woods shipped for that purpose. It has been arranged that the transport charges on the timber supplied by the Companies shall be defrayed from the Exhibition Vote, and on the close of the Exhibition delivered to their agents in London.

The timber necessary for the fittings, etc., has been purchased and shipped to the Crown Agents, per "Natal."

The Commission, finding in September that the public generally were taking but little interest in the undertaking and that to render the Court a success further active and more prompt measures would be necessary, appointed for the purpose a Special Committee with full powers to take active steps in the collection of Exhibits, etc., and the Secretary was directed to visit the various districts or places where desirable articles of produce or manufacture might be procured.

The original date fixed for the report of this Committee was afterwards extended to the 6th November, when the Committee furnished a report of the progress made, which will be found attached.

It is only necessary here to refer to the principal points of their report.

The Timber resources will be effectively and practically represented by a splendid assortment of—

Jarrah (Eucalyptus marginata).  
Tuart (Eucalyptus gomphocephala).  
York Gum (Eucalyptus loxophleba).  
Karri (Eucalyptus diversicolor).  
Wandoor (Eucalyptus robusta).

Shoak (Casuarina).  
Banksia (Banksia verticillata).  
Raspberry Jam (Acacia aneumina).  
Native Pear.  
Sandalwood (Santalum Cygnorum).

Some superior timber has also been secured, from which the fittings and furniture of the Court will be made.

A fair representation of the following may be looked upon as secured, viz.:-—Cereals, Mother o'Pearl Shells, Gums, Bark, Furs and Skins, Wool, &c.

Specimens of minerals have been received from various parts of the Colony, but, owing to the depression in the mining districts, the display of ores will only be limited. Specimens of the gold, however, lately discovered in the Kimberley District, will be exhibited.

As may be naturally assumed, with a population so sparse and scattered over an area so great, arts and manufactures, so to speak, can only be in their infancy, and anything like a striking display cannot be expected; but the following will be represented by some creditable exhibits:—Flour, tinned fish, fruits and jams, confectionery, preserved and dried fruits, tanned leather and skins, rugs, boots and shoes, harness, specimen of wheelwright's work, wines, beers, cordials, and aerated waters. The geological collection, together with the specimens of edible fish preserved in spirits, now being arranged by the Revd. C. G. Nicolay, will be valuable and interesting exhibits; whilst the fine collection of native weapons and implements procured from all parts of the Colony by the Police Department, and the collection of the fauna of the Colony now being prepared by Mr. Webb of Albany, will prove very attractive features in the Court. The cabinet for Mr. Webb's exhibit will be made of indigenous woods, and the birds appropriately mounted, whilst native grasses, lichens, and mosses will be used in fitting up the cabinet. These latter are now being gathered.

The Flora of the Colony will be illustrated by paintings of many of the different varieties, and also by specimens of pressed flowers.

Steps are being taken to obtain negatives of Scenery and Buildings, from which enlarged photographs may be made.

The important question of freight has had the attention of a separate Committee, and in consequence of a despatch received from the Secretary of the Royal Commission that all exhibits should be in the Court by the 31st January, 1886, it was decided to ship such exhibits as could be got ready in time by the "Natal," which steamer sailed from Fremantle on the 18th inst., conveying a quantity of timber and other exhibits, amounting to some 20 tons measurement, the value of which has been covered from marine risks with Victoria Insurance Company.

It will be impossible to comply with the terms of the despatch previously mentioned, as several of our most important products will not be ready until later on; for instance, it is expected that a really good show of dried fruits will be made, but these cannot be shipped until next April and cannot reach London until the middle of May at the earliest. Every effort will, however, be made to forward the exhibits with as little delay as possible.

Your Commissioners having noticed that Your Excellency has been pleased to appoint an Executive Commissioner who will represent this Colony at the Exhibition, and being desirous that every
assistance should be given to the said Commissioner in order to secure the success of the Court, adopted at their last meeting the following resolution:—

"Inasmuch as by the terms of the Commission, dated 12th February, issued from the Colonial Secretary's Office, and numbered 2110, responsibility for the due representation of the products, manufactures, and resources of Western Australia at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London rests upon the Commission, the said Commissioners think it desirable to recommend that, in addition to the Executive Commissioner who has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor to be the Officer of the Government in sole charge of all work in England connected with the Exhibition, it is desirable to appoint a salaried officer to assist the Executive Commissioner, such officer's duties to be to give constant attendance at the Exhibition, and to afford to visitors full information in regard to all exhibits and to the resources of Western Australia; and that this recommendation of the Commissioners be embodied in the report to His Excellency, previously decided upon."

This recommendation the Commissioners venture to hope will meet with Your Excellency's favorable consideration.

With respect to the expenditure and liabilities as yet incurred, it is estimated that they do not exceed £800 in all; this, however, is exclusive of freight, which will be an important item.

ALEX. C. ONSLOW,
for the Commission,
Perth, 20th November, 1885.
Chairman.

Copy of the Report of the Special Committee, read at the meeting of the Commissioners on 6th November, 1885; to which reference is made in the Commissioners' Report:—

Your Committee have held in all six (6) meetings, and have now to report the action and measures taken by them in furtherance of the objects in view. It was deemed advisable that the Secretary should, after communicating with the Local Committee, personally visit such people as were likely to furnish exhibits, and thence proceed to the districts of Newcastle, Northam, York, Vasse, and Bunbury, Pinjarrah, Mandurah. This he accordingly did, and it may here be only necessary to refer to the rough catalogue herewith to show what success he has met with; merely stating that he everywhere received the cordial support, not only of the Local Committees, but from the settlers generally. The thorough presentation of the timber resources of the Colony, your Committees venture to think, may be considered assured. Specimens of the various timbers showing the durability of different species have been secured, and will shortly be ready for shipment. The arrangements for the representation of Tuart having fallen through, it was deemed advisable to purchase in the Vasse district four loads, at a cost of £8 per load for selected wood, and some three loads of Wondoo, which will be obtained from the W. A. Manufacturing Company. This latter wood is of exceptionally good quality. Barks, logs, and planks, &c., of all the known useful varieties have been obtained, and the timber for the trophies, already arranged for, will, in all probability, be ready for shipment in a few days. Purchases have been made of various kinds of timber for the manufacture of the cabinets required. Numerous entries have been made for wool from all parts of the Colony, and on the completion of shearing further entries will doubtless be received. The cereals of the Colony will be represented by about fifteen exhibits from various parts of the Colony, and more are promised. The samples of gold brought down by Messrs. Hall and Slattery, found in the neighborhood of the Margaret River, have been secured for exhibition, at the cost of £28 5s. 9d. Some other small quantities were obtained by Mr. H. F. Johnston, at a cost of £4. It will be remembered this gentleman was authorized to purchase for the Commission any good specimens he might meet with. The Commission is indebted to the various officials in the Police Department for a very interesting and valuable collection of native weapons and implements, which no doubt will attract considerable attention in the Western Australian Court. Efforts have been made to obtain specimens of the native grasses, but with only, as yet, limited success; but an apparently good display of gums, barks, &c., may be depended upon. Under the head of "Products of Hunting, Shooting, Fishing, &c.," it will be seen on reference to the catalogue that both valuable and useful, and in some cases singularly interesting, objects have been obtained. As yet only a limited number of exhibits of ores, minerals, stones, &c., have been received; but the Committee hope that the Hon. J. A. Wright, who was specially authorized, may have been successful in getting a collection whilst visiting the North. Arrangements have been made to get together a really good collection of raisins and dried fruits from the different parts of the Colony, but they cannot be shipped until the middle of April next, and will not reach the Exhibition Building until after the opening. The Committee have engaged to provide a number of small boxes of uniform size of a neat description, which will be forwarded to the various exhibitors who have promised to devote special attention to the preparation of the raisins and other dried fruits. Messrs. Tuckey Bros., of Mandurah, will forward samples of their tinned fish and preserved fruits, both of which are deservedly
It may be here mentioned that a portion of Mr. Webb's collection of the fauna of the Colony has been shipped per P. and O. steamer to the Crown Agents, and that a payment of £25 has been made to Mr. Webb on account. In conclusion, your Committee venture to hope that their efforts during the short period which has elapsed since their appointment have not been altogether unsuccessful, and that with continued exertions the W.A. Court may still be rendered both attractive and useful in drawing attention to the resources of the Colony.

No. 2110.—C.S.O.

COMMISSION.

By His Excellency ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, Esquire, Chief Justice, Administering the Government of the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To His Honor ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, Esquire, Chief Justice; the Honorable MALCOLM FRASER, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Colonial Secretary, Justice of the Peace; the Honorable ALFRED PEACh HESSMAN, Esquire, Attorney General; the Honorable ANTHONY O'GRADY LEFTROY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Colonial Treasurer, Justice of the Peace; the Honorable JOHN FORREST, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Surveyor General, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Justice of the Peace; the Honorable CLAYTON TURNER MASON, Esquire, Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Director of Public Works and Commissioner of Railways, Justice of the Peace; Sir LUKE SAMUEL LEARKE, Knight, Member of the Legislative Council and Justice of the Peace; STEPHEN HENRY PARKER, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Member of the Legislative Council; WILLIAM EDWARD MARMION, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; WILLIAM SILAS PEARSE, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; SAMUEL MITCHELL, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; CHARLES HARPER, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; GEORGE SHENTON, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; HENRY BROOMAN, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; CHARLES CROWTHER, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; DAVID ALEXANDER HAY, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council; GEORGE LAYMAN, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council; Sir THOMAS COOKSBERN-CAMPBELL, Baronet, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; SPTTIMUS BURT, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Member of the Legislative Council; MARTLAND BROWN, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council, Justice of the Peace; ALEXANDER JOSEPH MCRAE, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council; McKENZIE GRANT, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Council; GEORGE BRAITHWAITE PHILLIPS, Esquire, Assistant Colonial Secretary, Justice of the Peace; ALFRED ROBERT WAYLEN, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Colonial Surgeon, Justice of the Peace; HENRY CALHART BARNETT, Esquire, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, Colonial Surgeon, Fremantle, Justice of the Peace; His Worship GEORGE RANDELL, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Perth; His Worship BARRINGTON CLARKE WOOD.
Esquire, Mayor of Fremantle; CHARLES GRENPELL NICOLAY, Clerk in Holy Orders, Curator of the Fremantle Museum; PETER ANTHONY GUGERI, Esquire, Justice of the Peace; WILLIAM THORLEY LOTHON, Esquire, Justice of the Peace; JAMES MORRISON, Esquire, Justice of the Peace:

WHEREAS it is expedient to promote the representation of the products, manufactures, and resources of the Colony of Western Australia at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, appointed under Royal Commission to be held in London, under the Presidency of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, during the year 1886;

NOW THEREFORE L. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, Administrator as aforesaid, have thought fit to appoint and do hereby appoint you the said Alexander Campbell Onslow, Malcolm Fraser, Alfred Loton, and James Morrison, to be Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

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Royal Commission to be held in London, under the Presidency of His Royal Highness the Peace;
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and every the several proceedings of yourselves had by virtue of these presents.
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Randell, Barrington Clarke Wood,
Commissioners; and for the purpose of aiding you in such matters,
Charles Layman,
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more of you, when and so often as need or occasion shall require, so long as this Commission shall
McKenzie Grant, George Braithwaite Phillips, Alfred Robert Waylen, Henry THOMSON,
Wales, during the year 1886;
The Secretary to the Commission, for the appointment of
forwarded by the Commission, together with a copy of the instructions given to the Executive
Officer in attendance at the
Thomson, the
the balance of the exhibits.
which are forwarded herewith, for His Excellency's most favorable consideration.
I
have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's minute upon the report lately forwarded by the Commission, together with a copy of the instructions given to the Executive Commissioner, which were both communicated to the Commission at a meeting held yesterday.

Paragraph No. 3 of His Excellency's minute having been considered by the Commissioners, they resolved to recommend, for His Excellency's favorable consideration, the name of Mr. Alpin F. Thomson, the Secretary to the Commission, for the appointment of Salaried Officer to assist the Executive Commissioner, and be in attendance in the Court, &c.; and they suggest that a sum of three hundred pounds be granted him as remuneration for his services in such capacity.

A statement of the expenditure will be furnished, as requested, immediately on the despatch of the balance of the exhibits.

I have much pleasure in strongly recommending the resolutions passed by the Commissioners, which are forwarded herewith, for His Excellency's most favorable consideration.

To the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman of Commissioners to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

Resolutions passed at a meeting of the Commissioners held on Friday, the 11th December, 1885.

The Rev. C. G. Nicolay proposed, and Dr. Barnett seconded—"That the name of Mr. A. F. Thomson, the Secretary, be suggested to His Excellency as the most desirable person for the Salaried Officer in attendance at the Exhibition."

Mr. Brown moved, and Dr. Barnett seconded—"That the sum of three hundred pounds be suggested to the Governor as a remuneration to the above officer, which sum is to cover all expenses connected with the office."

The Honorable J. A. Wright moved, and Mr. Randell seconded—"That the above two resolutions be conveyed to His Excellency, in answer to his minute of 5th inst."
Report of the Commission appointed to promote the representation of the Products, Manufactures, and Resources of the Colony of Western Australia at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in 1886.

To His Excellency Sir Frederick Napier Broome, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Territory of Western Australia and Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Sir,

We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that since the Report made by us, on November 20th, 1885, the Special Committee appointed for the purpose as noted in that Report, has used its best endeavors to increase the number of exhibits, and especially to fill up lacunae; and has met with a fair amount of success.

The deficiency, noted in that Report, of mineral specimens, has been supplied by

A collection from the Northampton Mines, made by Messrs. Crowther and Mitchell, and by Mr. W. H. Gale; also by

Selections from specimens sent by the Local Committees at Albany, Vasse, Bunbury, and Newcastle; by

Ten trays, containing above 400 specimens, selected and arranged for exhibition, Two cases of minerals from Wheal Fortune and Wheal Alpha Mines; with

Other miscellaneous specimens, among which may be particularised,

A portion of the meteorite found in the York District, A fossil vertebrate from the coast limestone, An unique fossil cast (Edistes Davisi. Woodward) from the Gascoyne, A fossil crayfish (Thalapina Emerii. Bell) found by Staff Commander J. E. Coghlan, R.N., in Cambridge Gulf,

All from the Geological Museum; also by

A collection made by C. T. Mason, Esq., on the line of the Eastern Railway; and by

A box of mica plates, cut as ready for the market, from Bunbury and the Vasse.

From the Museum have also been sent above 700 shells, including some 300 species from the coasts of the Colony, 100 sponges from the North-West, and 32 from Fremantle and Rottnest, 35 corals from the North-West and 12 from Rottnest,

A collection of dried algae from Fremantle, but these, we regret to say, form a very small portion of what might have been sent had local energies been exerted.

The botanical specimens have been supplemented by specimens of Xanthorrhoea, Kingia, and Zamia, in earth, with fructification; of Zamia cones preserved in alcohol; Eucalypti from the Eastern Districts, with fructification, and

A collection from the Flora of the Swan District, dried.

To the miscellaneous exhibits have been added

8 cases of edible fish preserved in alcohol, from Fremantle, 1 case of painted colonial flowers, framed and glazed, 9 boxes of dried fruits, 1 case of colonial made boots and shoes, 1 model of railway bridge, from the Honorable the Commissioner of Railways, 2 models of vessels on a new construction, 50 copies of the "Forest Resources of Western Australia," with other papers, have been sent from the Government Printing Office.

The Honorable the Surveyor General has sent a collection of Maps of the Colony.

Two Papers in manuscript, illustrating respectively the Ethnology and Geology of the Colony, have been sent to be printed in London, as it was not found possible to get them printed here.

The Editors of the principal Colonial Newspapers have engaged to send copies of their Papers regularly by mail during the time the Exhibition remains open.

We have to express regret for the delay, unavoidable on our part, in the sailing of the barque "Honor" with twenty-seven loads of assorted Timber from Jarrahdale. She left Fremantle on the 20th of February.

The necessity for appointing a Special Committee, consequent on the little interest taken by the public generally, as mentioned in our last Report, has led, of equal necessity, to a larger expenditure than had at first been contemplated, to supply specimens of the Products of the Colony not contributed by Local Committees or individuals, and of great personal efforts on the part of the Secretary, Mr. Alpin Thomson, to obtain them.

The total expenditure by, and present known obligations of the Commission to this date, amount to £1,751 15s. 3d. within the Colony. To this will have to be added the freight of two packages sent
by the last mail steamer. There are also some very small accounts outstanding, which the Secretary has endeavored, without success, to get sent in. We do not contemplate the necessity for further expenditure except for the purchase of gold from the Kimberley district, which we have recommended to Your Excellency.

We have received from the Auditor General a notice of drafts made by the Commission in London to the amount of £500 11s. 6d.

In conclusion, we must express our gratification at the additional amount of £1,000 allowed by Your Excellency for purposes of the Commissioner in London. From the letters of the Commissioner, with which we have been favored by the Acting Colonial Secretary, we feel sure that it is much needed.

We append an abstract of Accounts,

Signed on behalf of the Commission,

ALEX. C. ONSLOW,
Chairman.

10th June, 1886.

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- G. Randell: £100 0 0

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- G. Randell: £100 0 0

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Memo. of Advances made to Local Committees.

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