

Legislative Council

30th May 1885

The Council met pursuant to Summons

Present H. E. Governor Kerr President

The Honble L. P. Brooks Colonial Secretary
" S. Hamilton Colonial Surgeon } Members
" G. M. Dean }

Honble F. E. Cobb took the Oath and his seat at the Council

The minutes of the previous Council held on the 10th October
1884 were read and confirmed

H. E. said that he had to introduce a Bill for the naturalization
of Martin Johnson, Johannes Henricksen and Elisha Newton Smith
and moved that the Bill be read a first time

The Honble the Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and
the Bill was read a first time

The Honble F. E. Cobb stated that his real name was
Johansen and not Johnson as stated in the Draft Ordinance

The application was laid on the Table and it was
discovered that he had applied under the name of Johnson.

H. E. then moved that the Standing rules and

Orders

Orders be suspended and that the Bill be read a second time which was seconded by the Honble the Colonial Secretary and the Bill was read a second time

The Third reading of the Bill was moved by H. E. seconded by the Honble the Colonial Surgeon and the Bill was read a third time

H. E. then moved that the Bill do pass Honble F. E. Cobb seconded the motion and the Bill was accordingly passed.

The Governor said he had hoped to have been able to lay before the Council the annual account for 1884 but he was unable to do so as he had not yet received it from the Audit office

Honble F. E. Cobb enquired whether the Regulations did not require it to be gazetted on or before the 1st of April

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The Governor said that these regulations only
applied to Colonies where there was an auditor and the Account
could not be laid before the Council until they were audited

The Council then adjourned sine die

Read + Confirmed

this 24th day of November

Henry B L Jameson

Clerk to the Council

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Governor

Legislative Council

24th November 1885

The Council met pursuant to Summons.

Present	H. E.	Governor	Herr	President	} Members
		The Honble	E. P. Brooks	Colonial Secretary	
	"		S. Hamilton	Colonial Surgeon	
	"		G. M. Dean		
	"		F. S. Cobb		

The minutes of the Previous Council held on the 20th of May 1885 were read and confirmed

H. E. laid on the table the Annual Account of the Receipts and Expenditure for the Colony for the year 1884

Pursuant to a notice which had been issued The Governor moved the first reading of the appropriation Ordinance and Estimates for 1886.

The Honble Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and the Bill was read a first time with the Estimates

H. E. - then moved that the Standing Rules & Orders be suspended and that the Bill be read a second time.

The Honble The Colonial Secretary seconded the motion.

The Governor then went through the Estimates in detail and explained that £2600 under the head of Customs was calculated on the average for the last 3 years. and in reply to Mr Cobb said that £4100 for bonding charges in 1884 was for Warehouse Rent which was put down under the head of Customs for that year, There is now a sub-head for Warehouse rent under Rents & Land.

That

That with regard to Licenses that head of Revenue was less than last year on account of there being one Public-house less. — Under the head of Fines Forfeitures and Fees there had been an abnormal revenue in 1884 in consequence of some heavy fines imposed for smuggling —

The Honble F. G. Cobb remarked that under the head of Sale of Government Property there was only £44 for School materials whereas on the payment side £50 was allowed for purchase of School materials.

H. G. — said that the sale of school materials to the school children did not cover the whole cost as some of the things imported were not sold.

The Honble F. G. Cobb said with reference to the Vote of £300 for the West Falkland mail Service that he hoped it would be sanctioned by the Secretary of State as it would be a great boon to people residing on the West Falkland.

The Governor said he did not think there would be any difficulty and he felt sure this amount would be sanctioned by the Secretary of State.

Honble F. G. Cobb then suggested that the vote of £50 for Charitable allowances might lead to the impression that the Government intended to provide for all cases of destitution which might have the effect of restricting private charity.

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After some discussion it was agreed that the sum might remain on the Estimates for 1886 but that it would be publicly stated that a large sum would not be placed on future Estimates.

H—S— observed that there were occasional cases in which destitute persons were sent back to the Colony from Monte Video in Ships of War and that a charge had been made by the Admiralty this year for a case of that nature

Honble F. S. Cobb then pointed out that under the head of Contingencies there were charges for Fuel and that under the head of Works and Buildings there was a charge for Cutting and Rickling Peat.

The Governor said that the purchase of Coal came under the head of Contingencies but that the cutting of Peat was charged as labour and had always been placed under the head of Works and Buildings in the Estimates.

The Bill and Estimates then passed the second reading.

H—S— moved the third reading of the Bill which was seconded by the Honble the Colonial Surgeon and the Bill was read a third time.

H—S— moved that that the Bill and Estimates do pass and being seconded by the Honble F. S. Cobb the Bill was passed accordingly with the Estimates.

A-8- laid on the Table an abstract of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for 1884, which he proposed to have printed and circulated as he was informed that very erroneous impressions on the subject prevailed, especially in the distant parts of the Colony.

The Honble F. S. Cobb remarked that the Colonial Office Rules provided for the publication of the Annual Account of Revenue and expenditure at an earlier date.

The Governor said that it was impossible to carry out all the Rules and Regulations strictly in a Colony like this at such a distance from England and where so much time elapsed before replies could be obtained from the Departments and that as he was personally responsible for the accounts of the Colony, he did not feel justified in laying them before the Council until he was assured of their accuracy.

He read a letter from the Audit Department showing the changes which had been made in the Statement of the account for 1884 after it had been transmitted.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

Read and Confirmed
this 14th day of December

1885
Henry B L Jameson
Clerk to the Council

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Governor

Legislative Council

12th December 1885

In consequence of a sufficient number of members not being present to form a meeting no Council was held

Henry B L Lameson
Clerk

Legislative Council

14th December 1885

The Council met pursuant to Summons

Present. H. S. Governor Heri

Honble E. P. Brooks Colonial Secretary

" S. Hamilton Colonial Surgeon

" G. M. Dean

" F. S. Cobb

The minutes of the Council held on the 24th November last were read and confirmed.

H. S. said that in accordance with the provisions of the 26th rule of the Standing Rules and Orders he proposed to amend in Committee the Appropriation Ordinance and Estimates passed at the last meeting. ————— He had received a despatch from the Secretary of State sanctioning the payment of £90 per annum to the office messenger instead of £100 as provided in the Estimates and he moved that the Council do go into Committee and that the necessary reduction of £10 be made in the appropriation Ordinance and the Estimates.

The Honble the Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and the amendments were carried —

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The Governor then said he had caused new copies of the Standing Rules & Orders to be printed — the only copies to be found were those passed in 1880 and a despatch was afterwards received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies pointing out that Rules Nos 1 & 2 were unnecessary, being provided for in the Royal Instructions and that he had added a footnote to the Rules to that effect.

H. — L. — then introduced "An Ordinance to amend the Customs duties Consolidation Ordinance 1882" and moved that the Bill be read a first time —

The Honble the Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and the Bill was read a first time.

H. L. — moved the second reading of the Bill

The Honble the Colonial Surgeon seconded the motion

The Governor said that in consequence of repeated complaints from the Collector of Customs of the irregular manner in which the duties intrusted to Justices of the Peace with reference to vessels arriving at the outports had been performed, he had brought the subject before the Executive Council in the early part of the present year when a draft of the present Bill was approved of — He had transmitted a

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copy of the Bill to the Secretary of State for his consideration which he read as well the reply of the Secretary of State signifying his approval.

The Honble F. S. Cobb stated the following objections to the Bill

1st That 10/- a day was too much for the payment of a Custom House Officer as labourers wages were only 6/- a day

2. That the provisions of the Bill would not be known to persons in London

3. That much inconvenience and expense would be entailed on the inhabitants of the Western Island by requiring vessels to enter at Stanley as the prevailing Westerly winds would make it difficult for vessels to proceed to the westwards from Port Stanley, and instanced the hardship of making the Mission vessel "Allen Gardiner" call at Port Stanley first on her way from Sandy Point to Keppel.

4. Consignees should not be made liable for the charge of 10/- a day for a Custom House Officer or for payment of the penalty of £100 should the master of a vessel commit a breach

breach of the Law.

5 That if vessels had to clear at Port Stanley the sheep trade would be ruined as a heavy loss would be sustained by bringing sheep round to Port Stanley

The Honble G. M. Dean also objected that the Sheep trade of the Colony would be seriously affected if vessels carrying sheep from the Colony had to call at Port Stanley.

In reply the Governor said that it would be impossible to get trustworthy people for Customs officers for less than 10^s a day which was the ordinary pay of artisans ————— That due notice of the passing of the Bill would be given and copies of it would be sent to the Custom Houses, consulates and to persons connected with the trade of the Colony; and that should any vessels be already on their way to the Colony, and the masters be ignorant of the law the penalties would be remitted. ————— That provision had been made for the entry of vessels in other ports of the Colony as soon as sub-collectors could be appointed and residences found for them, but that until that could be done all vessels should be required to enter at Stanley

Stanley as it would be impossible otherwise to collect the Customs duties ————— With regard to vessels leaving the Colony either with goods or live stock - it would not be necessary that they should come to Stanley there were no taxes on exports and it would be sufficient if the exporters made the necessary returns for Statistical purposes. ————— He acknowledged the difficulty about the Mission vessel going between the Mission station at Terra del Fuego and Keppel Island which had not occurred to him when drafting the Bill

The second reading was then carried without a Division.

H. S. moved the 3rd reading of the Bill and being seconded by the Honourable the Colonial Surgeon the Bill was read a third time.

H - S - then moved that the Bill do pass and being seconded by the Honble the Colonial Secretary the Bill was passed

The Council then adjourned sine die

Read and confirmed
this 15th day of April
1886
Henry B. Jameson
Clerk

Arthur Baskby
Lt Governor