

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION, 1883,

HELD IN SYDNEY, NOVEMBER–DECEMBER, 1883.

At the Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney.

28th NOVEMBER, 1883.

(First Day.)

THE undermentioned Gentlemen, Representatives of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Western Australia were present, and handed in their Commissions, which having been read, it was resolved that their substance should be published.

- New South Wales* : THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER STUART, M.P., Premier and Colonial Secretary.
THE HONORABLE GEORGE RICHARD DIBBS, M.P., Colonial Treasurer.
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM BEDE DALLEY, Q.C., M.L.C., Attorney-General.
- New Zealand* : THE HONORABLE MAJOR HARRY ALBERT ATKINSON, M.P., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.
THE HONORABLE FREDERICK WHITAKER, M.L.C., late Premier and Attorney-General.
- Queensland* : THE HONORABLE SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, Q.C., M.P., Premier and Colonial Secretary.
THE HONORABLE JAMES FRANCIS GARRICK, Q.C., M.L.C., Postmaster General.
- South Australia* : THE HONORABLE JOHN COX BRAY, M.P., Premier and Chief Secretary.
THE HONORABLE J. W. DOWNER, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-General.
- Tasmania* : THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ROBERT GIBLIN, M.P., Premier and Attorney-General.
THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS J. BROWN, M.P., Minister of Lands and Works.
- Victoria* : THE HONORABLE JAMES SERVICE, M.P., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.
THE HONORABLE GRAHAM BERRY, M.P., Chief Secretary.
THE HONORABLE GEORGE BRISCOE KERFERD, M.P., Attorney-General.
- Western Australia* : THE HONORABLE MALCOLM FRASER, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

On the motion of the Honorable JAMES SERVICE, it was unanimously resolved that the Honorable ALEXANDER STUART be appointed President.

A communication from His Excellency Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G., Governor of Fiji and Acting High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, on the subject of the representation of Fiji at the Conference, was read, and a resolution passed that the Conference would be glad, if Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX were so inclined, that he should take part in the proceedings of the Conference as representing Fiji.

A communication to this effect was accordingly forwarded to Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, who shortly afterwards took his seat in the Convention, and expressed his views as to his position there.