

## At the Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney.

6th DECEMBER, 1883.

(Eighth Day.)

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| <i>Fiji :</i>              | HIS EXCELLENCY SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.,<br>Governor of Fiji and H.B.M.'s Acting High<br>Commissioner for the Western Pacific.                                                                               |
| <i>New South Wales :</i>   | THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER STUART, M.P., Premier and<br>Colonial Secretary.<br>THE HONORABLE GEORGE RICHARD DIBBS, M.P., Colonial<br>Treasurer.<br>THE HONORABLE WILLIAM BEDE DALLEY, Q.C., M.L.C.,<br>Attorney-General. |
| <i>New Zealand :</i>       | THE HONORABLE MAJOR HARRY ALBERT ATKINSON, M.P.,<br>Premier and Colonial Treasurer.<br>THE HONORABLE FREDERICK WHITAKER, M.L.C.,<br>late Premier and Attorney-General.                                                |
| <i>Queensland :</i>        | THE HONORABLE SAMUEL WALKER GRIFFITH, Q.C., M.P.,<br>Premier and Colonial Secretary.<br>THE HONORABLE JAMES FRANCIS GARRICK, Q.C., M.L.C.,<br>Postmaster-General.                                                     |
| <i>South Australia :</i>   | THE HONORABLE JOHN COX BRAY, M.P., Premier and<br>Chief Secretary.<br>THE HONORABLE J. W. DOWNER, Q.C., M.P., Attorney-<br>General.                                                                                   |
| <i>Tasmania :</i>          | THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ROBERT GIBLIN, M.P., Premier<br>and Attorney-General.<br>THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS J. BROWN, M.P., Minister of<br>Lands and Works.                                                                 |
| <i>Victoria :</i>          | THE HONORABLE JAMES SERVICE, M.P., Premier and<br>Colonial Treasurer.<br>THE HONORABLE GRAHAM BERRY, M.P., Chief Secretary.<br>THE HONORABLE GEORGE BRISCOE KERFERD, M.P.,<br>Attorney-General.                       |
| <i>Western Australia :</i> | THE HONORABLE MALCOLM FRASER, C.M.G., Colonial<br>Secretary.                                                                                                                                                          |

The minutes having been read, the President laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers which were ordered to be printed, viz. :—

- (1.) From Mr. J. B. Sheridan, Adelaide, on the question of Intercolonial remedies against debtors.
- (2.) From Stenhouse & Smith, on the subject of a self-acting gaseous Vermin and Rabbit exterminator.
- (3.) From John M. Creed, Esq., forwarding copy of a letter which he had published on the "Rabbit Plague."

The Committee resumed consideration of the "Bill to constitute a Federal Council of Australasia," and the same having been amended, was ordered to be printed, with a view to its adoption at the next meeting.

The following notices of motion were then given :—

Mr. DIBBS to move :—

That the representatives of each Colony in Convention assembled pledge themselves to submit to the Legislatures of their respective Colonies Resolutions affirming the conclusions arrived at by the Convention, and inviting such Legislatures to assent to an address to Her Majesty to pass an enabling Bill such as that agreed to by this Convention.

Mr. BRAY to move :—

That His Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies copies of the draft Bill to constitute a Federal Council of Australasia, and to inform the Secretary of State that this Convention has considered and approved of the provisions of the Bill, and respectfully requests that Her Majesty's Government will take such steps as may be necessary to the establishment of a Federal Council of Australasia.

Sir G. WM. DES VŒUX to move :—

This Convention desires to express to Her Majesty's Government its emphatic opinion that, wherever Her Majesty's jurisdiction or dominion may be established in New Guinea and the Pacific Islands, purchases of land from the natives should be discouraged, and if allowed at all, should be placed under most stringent regulations  
This Convention is further of opinion that pretended purchases of land unaccompanied by actual and substantial occupation should not be recognized.

Mr. GIBLIN to move :—

That the Premiers of the Colonies of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria be appointed a Committee to watch over all matters relating to the subjects discussed at this Convention, and to assist in forwarding the adoption of its recommendations. That such Committee be authorized, if they find it necessary, to call the Convention together, at such time and place as they may agree, and that the Honorable JAMES SERVICE be requested to act as Chairman of such Committee.

The Convention adjourned at 4 o'clock.