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THE following Standing Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the General Assembly relative to Private Bills are published for general information.

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Interpretation.

1. In the construction of these Standing Orders the words and phrases following shall have the meanings here attached to them, unless there be something in the context repugnant to, or inconsistent with such meaning.

The word "House" shall mean the Legislative Council or the House of Representatives, as the case may be, in which the Bill may be at the time, and the expression "other House" shall signify the House of the General Assembly in which the Bill shall not be at the time.

The expressions "Speaker," "Chairman of Committees," and "Clerk," shall mean similarly the "Speaker," "Chairman of Committees," and "Clerk" of the Legislative Council or House of Representatives.

I.—GENERAL.

Parliamentary Agents.

2. Every Private Bill or Petition is solicited by a Parliamentary Agent.

How appointed.

3. The Speaker of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may, by an instrument under their hands conjointly, appoint any person duly enrolled a Solicitor of the Supreme Court to be a Parliamentary Agent.

Fees.

4. A scale of Fees to be paid by parties promoting or opposing Private Bills shall be made by the Speakers of the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives; and any Bill or any opposition to a Bill, may be stopped by Mr. Speaker

in any stage of its progress, if any fee then due is unpaid by the party promoting or opposing respectively, who ought to pay the same.

Agents to be enrolled.

5. No person shall act as such Agent till he shall have been so appointed, and shall have enrolled his name and place of business with the Clerk in the Private Bill Office, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall have signed a declaration to observe and obey all Rules of either House, and pay all Fees and Charges when demanded.

Members not to be Agents.

6. No Member of either House of the General Assembly, either in person or by partner, and no servant of either House shall act as a Parliamentary Agent.

Agents may be prohibited from practising.

7. Any Agent acting contrary to the Rules of the House, disobeying the orders of either of the Speakers, or of the Chairman of any Committee, or neglecting or refusing to pay any Fees due in respect of any Bill or other proceeding solicited or opposed by him, may be prohibited from practising by order of either of the Speakers.

Notices of Private Business: how and when to be given.

8. Notices relating to Private Business are delivered by the Agents at the Private Bill Office, and must be handed in before 7 o'clock on the evening of the day on which the House shall sit, and before 2 o'clock on any day on which the House shall not sit.

To be printed in Order Paper.

9. The notices thus handed in relating to any proceedings in the House are delivered by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office to the Clerk of the House, and are printed in the Order Paper.

II.—EXAMINER AND GENERAL COMMITTEES.

Examiner for Standing Orders.

10. There shall be an Examiner on Standing Orders to be appointed by the Speaker of the Legislative

Council and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

11. There shall be nominated at the commencement of each Session a Joint Committee of six, consisting of three Members chosen by the Legislative Council and three chosen by the House of Representatives. This Committee shall be named the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, and three shall be a Quorum.

Committee of Selection.

12. There shall be nominated for each House, at the commencement of each Session, a Committee to be designated the "Committee of Selection," to consist of five Members of each House respectively, of which Committees respectively three shall be a Quorum.

III.—CLASSES OF PRIVATE BILLS.

Private Bills divided into Classes.

13. All Private Bills will be arranged as nearly as possible in the three following classes, according to the subject to which they relate:—

FIRST CLASS.

Burial grounds: making, maintaining, or altering.
 Charters and Corporations: enlarging or altering powers of.
 Church or Chapel: building, enlarging, repairing, or maintaining.
 City or Town: paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, or improving.
 Company: incorporating or giving powers to.
 County Rate.
 County or Shire Hall: Court House, Crown, Church, or Corporation property, or property held in Trust for public or charitable purposes.
 Ferry.
 Fishery: making, maintaining, or improving.
 Gaol or House of Correction.
 Land: enclosing, draining, or improving.
 Letters Patent: confirming, prolonging, or transferring the term of.
 Local Court: constituting.
 Market or Market Place: erecting, improving, repairing, maintaining, or regulating.
 Police.
 Poor: maintaining or employing.
 Poor Rate.
 Powers to sue and be sued: conferring.
 Continuing or amending an Act passed for any of the purposes included in this or in the second class where no further work than such as was authorized by a former Act is proposed to be made; and relating to any subject not comprised within any of the classes hereinafter mentioned.

SECOND CLASS.

Making, maintaining, varying, extending, or enlarging any
 Aqueduct,
 Archway,
 Bridge,
 Canal,
 Cut,
 Dock.
 Drainage: making and maintaining any cut for drainage, being a new work, where it is not provided in the Bill that the same shall not be more than eleven feet in width at the bottom.
 Embankment, for reclaiming land from the sea or any tidal river.
 Ferry: where any work is to be executed.
 Harbour.

Navigation.
 Pier.
 Port.
 Railway.
 Reservoir.
 Sewer.
 Street.
 Tunnel.
 Public Carriage Road.
 Waterwork.

THIRD CLASS.

Enlarging, altering, or conferring powers relative to estates in land, selling or exchanging land, and other Bills known under the name of "Estate Bills," excepting such as have been hereinbefore included in Class 1.

Bills where to be initiated.

14. Bills comprised in Classes 1 and 2 shall mean those passed in the House of Representatives; and Bills comprised in Class 3, in the Legislative Council.

IV.—INITIATION OF PRIVATE BILLS.

Petition to be presented to Private Bill Office.

15. Every Private Bill is initiated by a Petition which is presented to the Private Bill Office, either before the meeting of Parliament or within fourteen days from the commencement of the Session.

Before presentation to the House to be examined by Examiner or Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

16. Every such Petition must be prepared in accordance with the Standing Orders, and before its presentation to the House is examined by the Examiner or Joint Committee on Standing Orders for proof that the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Process when Standing Orders not complied with.

17. When the Examiner reports that the Standing Orders have not been complied with the Petition and report stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

Notice of Petition to be posted in Lobby.

18. On the receipt of any Petition for a Private Bill, the Private Bill Clerk forthwith posts in the Lobby a notice of such Petition having been received, along with a brief abstract of its prayer and object.

Examination of Petitions commences fourteen days after first day of meeting.

19. The examination of the Petitions for Private Bills which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office before the commencement of the Session shall commence after the expiration of fourteen days from its first meeting.

Examination of Petitions subsequently deposited.

20. In the case of Petitions deposited subsequently to the meeting of Parliament, their examination shall take place after the expiration of ten days from the date of their deposit.

Clerk of Private Bill Office to give two days' notice of day fixed for examination of Petition.

21. The Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall give two days' notice in the Private Bill Office of a day appointed by the Speaker of either House for the examination of any Petition; and in case the promoters shall not appear at the time when the Petition shall come on to be heard, the Petition shall be struck off the General List of Petitions, and shall not be re-inserted except by order of the House; and any Petition for such re-insertion shall stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

Parties complaining of non-compliance with Standing Orders may be heard on depositing Memorial.

22. Any parties complaining of a non-compliance

with the Standing Orders may appear and be heard by themselves, their agents and witnesses, upon addressing a Memorial to the Examiner to that effect.

Memorials to be deposited day before hearing.

23. Such Memorial must be deposited in the Private Bill Office on the day at least before the day fixed for the examination of the Petition; and in the event of no such Memorial being deposited the Petition will be treated as unopposed.

Compliance with Standing Orders to be proved.

24. Compliance with the following conditions shall be proved before the Examiner or the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

A.—NOTICES BY ADVERTISEMENT.

Subject of Notices.

25. In all cases where application is intended to be made for leave to bring in a Bill, notices shall be given, stating the objects of such intended application, and the time at which copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and if it be intended to apply for powers for the compulsory purchase of land or houses, or for extending the time granted by any former Act for that purpose, or to amalgamate with any other Company, or to sell or lease the undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease any other undertaking, or to amend or repeal any former Act or Acts, or to levy any tolls, rates or duties, or to confer, vary or extinguish any exemptions from payment of tolls, rates or duties; or to confer, vary or extinguish any other rights or privileges, the notices shall specify such intention, and the whole of the notices relating to the same Bill shall be included in the same advertisement, which shall be headed by a short Title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill.

Notices to contain name of Township.

26. In cases of Bills included in the Second Class, and of Bills of the First Class, in respect to which plans are required to be deposited; such notices shall also contain a description of all the termini, together with the names of the Provinces, Townships, or other territorial division, from, in, through, or into which the work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged; and shall state the time and place of deposit of the plans, sections, books of reference, and copies of the *Gazette* notice respectively, with the several Officers hereinafter specified.

Cemeteries, Gas Works, &c.

27. In cases of Bills respecting any burial ground, cemetery, or gas works, the notices shall set forth and specify the limits within which such burial ground, cemetery, or gas works are intended to be erected or made.

Notice of intention to divert Water.

28. In all cases where it is proposed to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation; or into any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietor thereof or otherwise, the notices shall contain the name of every such existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the water supplying which will either directly or derivatively flow or proceed into any such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation; or into any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof.

Letters Patent—Name of invention to be prefixed.

29. In cases of Bills for confirming or prolonging

the terms of Letters Patent, each notice shall have prefixed to it in capital letters the name by which the invention is usually distinguished, and shall contain a distinct description of the invention for which such Letters Patent have been obtained; and also an account of the term of their duration.

Publication of Notices.

30. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session, in which it is proposed to make application for a Bill, such notices shall be published once at least in the *Government Gazette* of the Colony; and if such Bill relate especially to any particular City or Town in which any newspaper is published such notice shall be published in two successive weeks in one and the same newspaper published therein, the first publication to be not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session.

B.—NOTICES AND APPLICATIONS TO OWNERS, LESSEES, AND OCCUPIERS OF LANDS AND HOUSES.

Application to Owners, &c.

31. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is proposed to make application for a Bill by which any lands or houses are intended to be taken, or an extension of the time granted by any former Act for that purpose is sought, application in writing must be made to the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees and occupiers of all lands and houses so intended to be taken, or which may be taken, as being within the limits of deviation defined upon the plan; and in cases of Bills included in the Second Class, such applications shall be as nearly as may be in the form set forth in the Appendix marked A.

Service of Application.

32. Such application shall be made by delivering the same personally to every such party, or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode; or, in his absence from the Colony, with his agent; or by forwarding the same by post in a registered letter addressed with a sufficient direction to his usual place of abode, and posted before the first of such thirty days at the Chief Post Office in a Province, at such hours and according to such regulations as may from time to time be in force for the posting and registration of Registered Letters.

Evidence of Application.

33. In all cases the written acknowledgment of the party applied to shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of an application having been made, or notice given; and in case of an application or notice having been forwarded by post in a registered letter, the production of the Post Office receipt for such letter, duly stamped, shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery of such letter: provided it shall appear that the same was properly and sufficiently directed, and that the same was not returned by the Post Office as undelivered.

Lists of Owners, &c.

34. Separate lists shall be made of the names of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, distinguishing those who have assented, dissented, or are neuter in respect to such application, or who have returned no answer thereto; and where no written acknowledgment has been returned to an application forwarded by post, or where such application has been returned as undelivered, at any time before the making up of such lists, the direction of the letter in which the same was so forwarded shall be inserted therein. (See Schedule.)

Notice to Owners, &c., Trust Properties.

35. Before the deposit of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill relating to or affecting Crown,

Ecclesiastical, or Corporation property, or property held in Trust for public or charitable purposes, notice in writing of such application to Parliament shall be served upon the owners or reputed owners of such property, and the lessees or reputed lessees of such property holding leases for any term of twenty-one years or upwards, excepting such of the said persons as may be promoters of the Bill.

Notice to Owners, &c., Cemeteries and Gas Works.

36. Not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is intended to make application for any Bill for making a burial ground or cemetery, or the erection of works for the manufacture of gas, notice shall be served upon the owner and occupier of every dwelling-house situate within 300 yards of the limits within which the proposed burial ground, cemetery, or gas works are intended to be erected or made.

Notice to Owners, &c., of Relinquishment of Works.

37. Previously to the deposit of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill whereby any part of a work authorized by any former Act is intended to be relinquished, notices in writing of such Bill shall be served upon the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of the lands in which the part of such work intended to be thereby relinquished is situate.

Service and evidence of Application.

38. The notices required by the three preceding orders shall be served, and the service thereof proved in the same manner as directed in Standing Orders Nos. 32 and 33.

Service of Application or Notice, when invalid.

39. No notice served, or application made on a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, or before eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day, shall be deemed valid, except in case of delivery of letters by post.

C.—DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE DEPOSITED, AND THE TIMES AND PLACES OF DEPOSIT.

Plans, Books of Reference and Sections to be deposited with the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

40. In cases of Bills of the Second Class, a plan, together with a book of reference thereto, and a section, as hereinafter described; and in cases of Bills of the First Class, by which any lands or houses are intended to be taken, a plan thereof, together with a book of reference, shall be deposited for public inspection at the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the principal town of each Province in or through which the work is proposed to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or in which such lands and houses are situate, not less than thirty days before the commencement of the Session in which it is proposed to make application for the Bill.

Commissioner to endorse Memorial on Plans.

41. The Commissioners of Crown Lands shall make a Memorial in writing upon the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference so deposited with them, denoting the time at which the same were lodged in their respective Offices, and shall at all reasonable hours of the day permit any person to view and examine the same, and to make copies or extracts therefrom; and the plans and sections so deposited shall be retained in the possession of the Commissioners until the Session of Parliament next ensuing shall be about to be held, when they shall be forwarded by the Commissioners to the Private Bill Office, so as to be deposited there as nearly as may be within a week of the commencement of the Session.

Plans, &c., of Tidal Lands with Colonial Secretary.

42. In cases where the work shall be situated on tidal lands within the ordinary spring tides, a copy

of the plans and sections shall, on or before the commencement of the Session, be deposited in the Office of the Colonial Secretary.

Plans, &c., of Crown Lands, with Colonial Secretary.

43. In the case of Bills for taking powers to take or affect lands of the Crown, a copy of all plans, sections, and books of reference required by the Standing Orders to be deposited in the office of any Commissioners of Crown Lands shall on or before the commencement of the Session be deposited in the Office of the Colonial Secretary.

Deposit of Plans, &c., in Private Bill Office.

44. On or before the commencement of the Session a copy of the said plans, sections, and books of reference shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Gazette Notices to be deposited with Plans, &c.

45. Wherever any plans, sections, and books of reference are required to be deposited, a copy of the notice published in the *Gazette* of the intended application shall be deposited therewith.

D.—DEPOSITS WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SESSION.

Petition for Bill, with Agent's declaration, and Bill, to be deposited in Private Bill Office.

46. Every petition for a Private Bill, headed by a short Title descriptive of the undertaking or Bill, corresponding with that at the head of the advertisement, with a declaration signed by the Agent, and a printed copy of the Bill annexed, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office either before or within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session, and such Petition, Bill, and Declaration shall be open to the inspection of all parties, and printed copies of the Bill shall also be delivered therewith for the use of any Member or Agent who may apply for the same.

Declaration of Agent.

47. Such Declaration shall state to which of the classes of Bills such Bill in the judgment of the Agent belongs, and if the proposed Bill shall give power to effect any of the following objects, that is to say—

Power to take any lands or houses compulsorily, or to extend the time granted by any former Act for that purpose.

Power to levy tolls, rates, or duties, or to alter any existing tolls, rates or duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any exemption from payment of tolls, rates, or duties, or to confer, vary, or extinguish any other right or privilege.

Power to amalgamate with any Company, or to lease or sell their undertaking, or to purchase or take on lease the undertaking of any other Company.

Power to interfere with any Crown, Ecclesiastical, or Corporation property, or property held on trust for public or charitable purposes.

Power to relinquish any part of a work authorized by a former Act.

Power to divert into any intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any intended variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, any water from any existing cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, whether directly or derivatively, and whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof or otherwise.

Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation.

Power to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railway.

The said declaration shall state which of such powers are given by the Bill, and shall indicate in which

clauses of the Bill (referring to them by their number) such powers are given and shall further state that such Bill does not give power to effect any of the objects enumerated in this Order, other than those stated in the declaration. If the proposed Bill shall not give power to effect any of the objects above enumerated, the said declaration shall state that the Bill does not give power to effect any of such objects. The said declaration shall also state that the Bill does not give any powers other than those included in the notices for the Bill.

Deposit of Bills in Office of Colonial Secretary.

48. Within ten days after the commencement of the Session, a printed copy of every Railway or Canal Bill, and of every Bill for incorporating or giving powers to any Company, and of every Bill relating to any tidal lands, dock, harbour, navigation, pier or port, shall be deposited in the Office of the Colonial Secretary.

Deposit of Estimates, &c., in Private Bill Office.

49. Within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session there shall also be deposited in the Private Bill Office all Estimates, Declarations, and Lists of Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers, which are required by the Standing Orders.

Documents to be deposited in Private Bill Office, in regard to Joint Stock Companies.

50. As respects all Bills for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, or proposed Companies, for carrying on any trade or business, or for conferring on such Companies the power of suing and being sued, there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office within fourteen days after the commencement of the Session a copy of the Deed or Agreement of Partnership (if any) under which the Company or proposed Company is acting, and in all cases a Declaration stating the following matters:—

- 1st. The present and proposed amount of the capital of the Company.
- 2nd. The number of shares.
- 3rd. The number of shares subscribed for.
- 4th. The amount of subscriptions paid up.
- 5th. The names, residences, and description of the shareholders or subscribers (so far as the same can be made out) and of the actual or Provisional Directors, Treasurers, Secretary, or other officers (if any) and such documents shall be verified by the signature of some authorized Officer of the Company, or proposed Company (if any) and by some responsible party promoting the Bill.

Deposits, when invalid.

51. No deposit shall be deemed valid if made on a Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, or before eight o'clock in the forenoon, or after eight o'clock in the afternoon of any day.

E.—FORMS IN WHICH PLANS, BOOKS OF REFERENCE, SECTIONS, AND CROSS SECTIONS SHALL BE PREPARED.

Description of Plans—Lands within deviation to be in Plan.

52. Every plan required to be deposited shall be drawn to a scale of not less than four inches to a mile; and in cases of Bills of the First Class, shall describe the lands intended to be taken; and in cases of Bills of the Second Class, shall describe the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the lands in or through which it is to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or through which every communication to or from the work shall be made, and where it is the intention of the parties to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the proposed work, the limits of

such deviation shall be defined upon the plan, and the lands included within such limits shall be marked thereon.

Canals, &c., Plans to describe brooks, &c., to be diverted.

53. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, the plan shall describe the brooks and streams to be directly diverted into such intended cut, canal, reservoir, aqueduct, or navigation, or into any variation, extension, or enlargement thereof respectively, for supplying the same with water.

Railways, Distances to be marked in Miles, Furlongs, &c.

54. In all cases where it is proposed to make, vary, extend, or enlarge any railway, the plan shall exhibit thereon the distances in miles and furlongs from one of the termini, and a memorandum of the radius of every curve not exceeding one mile in length shall be noted on the plan in furlongs and chains, and where tunnelling, as a substitute for open cutting is intended, such tunnelling shall be marked by a dotted line on the plan.

Diversion of Roads, Rivers, Railways, &c.; extent thereof to be marked on Plans.

55. If it be intended to divert, widen, or narrow any public carriage road, navigable river, canal, or railway, the course of such diversion, and the extent of such widening or narrowing, shall be marked on the plan.

F.—BOOK OF REFERENCE.

Contents of Book of Reference.

56. The Book of Reference to every such plan shall contain the names of the owners, or reputed owners, lessees, or reputed lessees, and occupiers of all lands or houses in the line of the proposed work, or within the limits of deviation as defined upon the plan, and shall describe such land and houses respectively. (See Schedule.)

G.—SECTIONS.

Scale of Sections.

57. The section shall be drawn on the same horizontal scale as the plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every one hundred feet, and shall show the surface of the ground marked upon the plan, the intended level of the proposed work, the height of every embankment, and the depth of every cutting, and a datum horizontal line, which shall be the same throughout the whole length of the work, or any branch thereof respectively, and shall be referred to some fixed point (stated in writing on the section), near some portion of such work, and in case of a canal, cut, navigation, or public carriage road, or railway, near either of the termini.

Rivers.—Section to specify level of both Banks.

58. In cases of Bills for improving the navigation of any river there shall be a section which shall specify the levels of both banks of such river, and where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by inches and feet, or decimal parts of a foot.

Railways.—Section to mark upper surface of the Rails.

59. In every section of a railway the line of the railway marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the rails.

Vertical Measures to be marked at change of gradient.

60. Distances on the datum line shall be marked in miles and furlongs to correspond with those on the plan; a vertical measure, from the datum line to the line of the railway, shall be marked in feet and inches, or decimal parts of a foot, at each change of the gradient or inclination, and the proportion or rate of inclination between each such change shall also be marked.

Height of Railway over or depth under surface of Roads, &c., to be marked.

61. Wherever the line of the railway is intended to cross any public carriage road, navigable river, canal, or railway, the height of the railway over or depth under the surface thereof, and the height and span of every arch of all bridges and viaducts by which the railway will be carried over the same shall be marked in figures at every crossing thereof, and where the railway will be carried across any such public carriage road, or railway, on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the section, and it shall also be stated if such level will be unaltered.

Cross-Sections of Canals, Roads, &c., crossed by Railway when level, or rate of inclination altered.

62. If any alteration be intended in the water level of any canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any public carriage road or railway which will be crossed by the line of railway, then the same shall be stated on the section, and each alteration shall be numbered, and cross sections in reference to the said numbers on a horizontal scale of not less than one inch to every 330 feet, and on a vertical scale of not less than one inch to every forty feet, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such canal, road, or railway, and the intended surface thereof when altered, and the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of such road or railway shall also be marked in figures thereon, and where any public carriage road is crossed on the level, a cross section of such road shall also be added, and all such cross sections shall extend for 200 yards on each side of the centre line of the railway.

Embankments and Cuttings.

63. Wherever the extreme height of any embankment, or extreme depth of any cutting shall exceed five feet, the extreme height over or depth under the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the section, and if any bridge or viaduct of more than three arches shall intervene in any embankment, or if any tunnels shall intervene in any cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such embankment or cutting shall be divided by such bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

Tunnelling and Viaduct to be marked.

64. Where tunnelling as a substitute for open cutting, or viaduct as a substitute for solid embankment is intended, the same shall be marked on the section.

H.—ESTIMATES AND DECLARATION IN CERTAIN CASES.

Estimates of Expense to be made.

65. An Estimate of the expense of the undertaking under each Bill of the Second Class shall be made and signed by the person making the same.

Declaration stating Capital in certain cases.

66. When the work is to be made wholly, or in part, by means of funds, or out of money to be raised upon the credit of the Revenue of any Provincial Government, or upon the credit of present Surplus Revenue belonging to any Society or Company, or under the control of Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners, as the case may be, of any existing Public Work, such parties being the promoters or part promoters of the Bill, a declaration stating these facts, and setting forth the nature of such control, and the nature and amount of such Revenue funds or Surplus Revenue, and showing the actual Surplus of such funds or Revenue, after deducting the funds required for purposes authorized by any Act or Acts of the General Assembly or the Legislature of such Province; and, also, the funds which may be re-

quired for any other work to be executed under any Bill in the same Session shall be made and given under the Common Seal of the Province, Society, or Company, or under the hand of some authorized Officer of such Directors, Trustees, or Commissioners.

Affidavits, &c., may be admitted in proof.

67. The Examiner and the Joint Committee on Standing Orders and Committees on Private Bills generally, may admit Affidavits or Declarations in proof of the compliance with the Standing Orders and other facts required to be proved, unless in any case they shall require further evidence, and such Affidavit or Declaration shall be sworn or taken before a Solicitor of the Supreme Court or a Justice of the Peace.

V.—PROCEEDINGS BEFORE EXAMINER AND JOINT COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

Examiner to endorse Petition and report.

68. The Examiner shall certify by endorsement on each Petition which shall have been duly deposited in the Private Bill Office, whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and when they have not been complied with, he shall report to the House the facts upon which the decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

Petitions for additional provision, &c.

69. In all cases of Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, and of Estate Bills, and of Bills introduced by leave of the House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn and referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, the Clerk shall give at least two days' notice, in the Private Bill Office, of the day on which the same will be examined, and the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Standing Orders shall report to the House whether the Standing Orders have or have not been complied with, and when they have not been complied with, the facts upon which the decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.

Process when compliance with Standing Orders not proved.

70. When the Standing Orders have not been complied with, the Petition is referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, and the report of the Examiner which had previously been laid on the Table by the Speaker, is also referred to the Committee.

Chairman to report whether Committee are of opinion that Standing Orders should be dispensed with.

71. When any report of the Examiner of Petitions in which he shall report that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, shall have been referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, the Chairman of that Committee shall report to the House whether, in the opinion of the Committee, such Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and whether, in their opinion, the parties should be permitted to proceed with their Bill, or any portion thereof, and under what (if any) conditions.

Petitions that Standing Orders, &c., may be dispensed with.

72. All Petitions praying that any of the Sessional or Standing Orders of the House relating to Private Bills may be dispensed with, and all Petitions for the re-insertion of Petitions for Private Bills in the general list of Petitions, and all Petitions opposing the same shall be presented to the House, by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office, and every such Petition so deposited shall stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, which shall report to the House whether such Sessional or Standing Orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with.

Petitions for re-insertion of Petition.

73. When any Petition for the re-insertion of any Petition for a Private Bill in the General List of Petitions shall stand referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to the House whether, in their opinion, such a Petition ought or ought not to be re-inserted, and if re-inserted, under what (if any) conditions.

Amendments on consideration of Bill.

74. When any Clause or Amendment proposed on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, shall have been referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, they shall report to the House whether such Clause or Amendment should be adopted or not, or whether the Bill should be re-committed.

VI.—PRESENTATION OF PETITION TO THE HOUSE, AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

Petition endorsed to be presented to the House.

75. A Petition for a Private Bill having been endorsed by the Examiner, must be presented to the House by a Member with a printed copy of the Bill annexed, not later than three clear days after such endorsement, or if when so endorsed the House should not be sitting, then not later than three clear days after the first sitting.

If Standing Orders complied with, Bill ordered to be brought in.

76. If the Standing Orders have been complied with, the Bill is at once ordered to be brought in; if not complied with, the Bill stands referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

Bills deposited in Private Bill Office.

77. Private Bills which have been ordered to be brought in are presented to the House by depositing the same in the Private Bill Office not later than one clear day after the presentation of the Petition, or where the Petition has been referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, then not later than one clear day after the House have given the parties leave to proceed.

To be forwarded by Private Bill Clerk to Clerk of House—First reading.

78. The Bills, after they have been presented in the Private Bill Office, are forwarded by the Private Bill Clerk to the Clerk of the House, who lays the same upon the Table for the First reading, together with a list of such Bills, and they are read the First time in the order in which they stand in the list for each day.

Printed copies of Bill to be delivered.

79. Before the First reading of every Private Bill, printed copies of the Bill must be delivered to the Clerk of the House for the use of Members.

Bill ordered to be read second time.

80. A Bill having been read a First time, is ordered to be read a Second time.

Not less than three, nor more than seven, days between first and second readings.

81. Between the First and Second readings, there may not be less than three clear days, nor more than seven, except by special Order of the House.

Two days' notice of second reading to be given by Agent.

82. Two clear days' notice of the day proposed for the Second reading must be given in writing at the Private Bill Office by the Agent for the Bill.

Bill referred to Committee of Selection.

83. A Bill having been read a Second time, stands referred to the Committee of Selection.

Committee on Bill. How nominated.

84. The Committee of Selection nominates the Committee on the Bill.

Committee on unopposed Bill.

85. Every unopposed Private Bill is referred by the Committee of Selection to the Chairman of Committees, and four other Members, of whom one is to be a Member who had been ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill, and the other three Members not locally or otherwise interested.

No Bill considered opposed unless Petition against it presented.

86. No Bill will be considered as an opposed Bill, unless previously to the Second reading of the Bill a Petition has been presented against it, in which the Petitioners pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, or unless the Chairman of Committees reports to the House that any Bill ought to be so treated.

Committee on opposed Bill.

87. Every opposed Bill is referred by the Committee of Selection to a Chairman, and four Members not locally or otherwise interested therein.

Committee of Selection to give notice to Members.

88. The Committee of Selection shall give to each Member sufficient notice of his appointment as a Member of a Committee on any Private Bill, and in every case where a declaration is required to be signed and returned by such Member, shall transmit to him a blank form of the declaration required, with a request that it may forthwith be returned, properly filled up, and signed.

Members returning no answer to be reported.

89. The Committee of Selection shall report to the House the name of every Member from whom they shall not have received in due time such declaration, so filled up and signed, or, in lieu thereof, an excuse which they shall deem sufficient.

Substitution of Members.

90. The Committee of Selection shall have the power of discharging any Member or Members of a Committee, and substituting other Members.

VII.—PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES ON OPPOSED BILLS.

Declaration of Members.

91. Each Member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall, before he be entitled to attend and vote on such Committee, sign the following declaration:—

"I do hereby declare that my constituents have no local interest, and that I have no personal interest in (such) Bill, and that I will never vote on any question which may arise without having duly heard and attended to the evidence relating thereto."

And no such Committee shall proceed to business until the said declaration shall have been so signed by each of such Members.

Quorum to be always present.

92. Committees shall be allowed to proceed if three of the five Members shall be present, but not a less number, unless by special leave of the House.

Members not to absent themselves.

93. No member of a Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall absent himself from his duties thereon, except in case of sickness, or by Order of the House.

In case of Chairman's absence.

94. If the Chairman shall be absent from the Committee, the Member next in rotation in the List of Members who shall be present shall act as Chairman.

Proceedings to be suspended if Quorum not present.

95. If at any time during the sitting of any Committee three at least of the Members shall not be

present, the Chairman shall suspend the proceedings of such Committee until three at least shall be present, and if, at the expiration of half-an-hour from the time fixed for the meeting of the Committee or from the time when the Chairman shall so have suspended the proceedings three Members shall not be present, the Committee shall be adjourned to the next day on which the House shall sit, and then shall meet at the hour at which such Committee would have sat had no such adjournment taken place.

Absent Members to be reported.

96. If any of the Members shall not be present within half-an-hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, or if any Member shall absent himself from his duties on such Committee, every such Member shall be reported to the House at its next sitting.

Deficiency of Quorum to be reported.

97. If at any time after the Committee on a Bill shall have been formed, a Quorum of Members required by the Standing Orders cannot attend, in consequence of any of the Members who shall have been duly qualified to serve on such Committee having become incompetent to continue such service by having been placed on an Election Committee, or by death or otherwise, the Chairman shall report the circumstances of the case to the Committee of Selection, who shall substitute another Member in lieu of the Member having become incompetent to act, and shall take such measures as may enable the Committee to proceed with the business referred to such Committee, or as the exigency of the case may require.

Questions to be decided by majority.

98. All questions before Committees on Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Two days' notice of consideration of Bill to be given.

99. The Committee on each Bill shall, from time to time, appoint the day upon which they will enter upon the consideration of such Bill, and on which they will require the parties severally promoting or opposing the same to enter appearances, and two clear days' notice at the least of such appointment shall be given by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office; and in case the Committee shall postpone the consideration of any Bill, the like notice shall be given of the day to which the same is postponed.

Adjournment to be specially reported.

100. Every Committee on an opposed Private Bill shall report specially to the House the cause of any adjournment over any day on which the House shall sit.

When opposed Bills may be treated as unopposed.

101. In all cases of opposed Private Bills in which no parties shall have appeared on the Petitions against such Bills, or having appeared, shall have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the promoters shall have been commenced, the Committee on such Bills shall forthwith refer them back with a statement of the facts to the Committee of Selection, who shall deal with them as with unopposed Bills.

VIII.—PROCEEDINGS OF AND IN RELATION TO COMMITTEES ON BILLS, WHETHER OPPOSED OR UNOPPOSED.

Bill to be laid before each Member.

102. At the First Meeting of the Committee, copies of the Bills as proposed to be submitted to them, and signed by the Agent, shall be laid by him before each Member of the Committee.

Local Members not to vote.

103. No Member locally or otherwise interested of a Committee on any unopposed Private Bill shall have a vote on any question that may arise, but every Member shall be entitled to attend and take part in the proceedings of the Committee.

Names of Members to be entered on Minutes.

104. The names of the Members attending each Committee shall be entered by the Clerk on the Minutes of the Committee, and if any Divisions shall take place in the Committee, the Clerk shall take down the names of Members voting in any Division, distinguishing on which side of the Question they respectively vote, and such Lists shall be given in with the Report to the House.

Cause compelling payment of Subscriptions.

105. In all Bills presented to the House for carrying on any work by means of a Company, Commissioners, or Trustees, provision shall be made for compelling persons who have subscribed any money towards carrying such work into execution to make payment of the several sums subscribed by them.

Provision in Bills by which Tolls, &c., may be levied.

106. In all Bills where parties are authorized to levy fees, tolls, or other rates or charges, clauses shall be inserted providing for the following objects, except in so far as any of such objects shall have been provided for in some general Act applicable to the subject matter of the Bill:—

Security to be taken from the Treasurer, Collector, or Receiver, and every other Officer entrusted with the collection or custody of moneys under the Bill, for the faithful execution of his office.

Full and accurate Accounts to be kept of all moneys received and expended under the provisions of the Bill, and that such Accounts be balanced once in each year at the least.

Such Accounts to be duly audited once in each year at the least, and that for that purpose an Auditor or Auditors be appointed by some person or persons not immediately connected with the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, or other party by whom, or by whose direction or authority such fees, tolls, rates, or charges shall be levied.

For the purpose of auditing such accounts the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees or other such party as aforesaid to be required to cause the Accounts, together with all their Books and Vouchers to be produced to the Auditors.

The remuneration of the Auditor and his expenses to be defrayed out of the funds levied under the Bill.

An annual Account in abstract to be prepared of the total receipts and expenditure of all funds levied under such Bill during the past year under the several distinct heads of receipts and expenditure, with a statement of the balance of the said account duly audited and certified by the Chairman of the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, or other parties aforesaid; and also by the Auditors thereof; and a copy of such Annual Account to be transmitted free of charge to the Superintendent of the Province within which the Chief Office for the management of such funds shall be situated, on or before the 31st day of January in each year, under a sufficient penalty for not preparing and sending in the said Account, to be levied by summary process; the said Accounts to be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of the Public on payment of a Fee.

Plan, &c., to be signed by Chairman.

107. Every plan and Book of Reference thereto which shall be produced in evidence before the Committee upon any Private Bill (whether the same shall have been previously lodged in the Private Bill Office or not) shall be signed by the Chairman of such Committee with his name at length; and he shall also mark with the initials of his name every alteration of such Plan and Book of Reference which shall be agreed upon by the said Committee, and every such Plan and Book of Reference shall thereafter be deposited in the Private Bill Office.

Committee Bill to be signed by Chairman.

108. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign with his name at length a printed copy of the Bill (to be called the Committee Bill) on which the amendments are to be fairly written, and also sign with the initials of his name the several Clauses added in Committee.

Chairman to report on allegations of Bills.

109. The Chairman of the Committee shall report to the House that the allegations of the Bill have been examined, and whether the parties concerned have given their consent (where such consent is required by Standing Orders) to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Chairman to report Bill in all cases.

110. The Chairman of the Committee shall report the Bill to the House, whether the Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several Clauses, or any of them; or where the parties shall have acquainted the Committee that it is not their intention to proceed with the Bill; and when any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together with the ground of making it, shall be specially stated in the Report.

Committee to notice recommendation from Government Departments.

111. Whenever a recommendation shall have been made in a Report on a Private Bill from a Department of the Government referred to the Committee, the Committee shall notice such recommendation in their Report, and shall state their reasons for dissenting should such recommendation not be agreed to.

Minutes to be reported.

112. The Minutes of the Committee on every Private Bill shall be brought up and laid on the Table of the House with the Report of the Bill.

Railway Bills.—Heads of Inquiry.

113. The Committee on all Railway Bills shall direct their attention especially to the following heads of inquiry, and shall require evidence from the promoters thereon, namely:—

- I. The financial arrangements made, or proposed by the promoters, the number and amount of shares actually subscribed for, or agreed to be taken; the amount of share capital and loans proposed to be authorized, and the sufficiency of the estimates for the works.
- II. The merits, in an engineering point of view, of the proposed Railway; the character of the gradients and curves; the number and extent of tunnels (if any); the places (if any) to be worked by assistant or stationary engines; the crossings (if any) of Public Roads on the level, and any peculiar engineering difficulties, with the modes proposed for overcoming them.
- III. The degree of favour or objection with which the project is regarded by the landowners and others in the neighbourhood of the proposed Railway.

Matters to be specially reported.

114. Every Committee on a Railway Bill shall report especially to the House:—

- I. Whether any report from any Public Department in regard to the Bill, or the objects thereof, has been referred by the House to the Committee, and if so in what manner the several recommendations contained in such Report have been dealt with by the Committee.
- II. Whether it be intended that the Railway shall cross on a level any public road or highway.
- III. And any other circumstances which in the opinion of the Committee it is desirable that the House should be informed of.

Committee to fix Tolls and Charges.

115. The Committee on every Railway Bill, except Railway Bills promoted by a Provincial Government, shall fix the tolls, and shall determine the maximum rates of charge for the conveyance of passengers with a due amount of luggage, and of goods on such Railway, and such rate of charge shall include the tolls and the costs of locomotive power, and every other expense connected with the conveyance of passengers with a due amount of luggage and goods upon such Railway; but if the Committee shall not deem it expedient to determine such maximum rate of charge, a special Report explanatory of the grounds of their omitting so to do shall be made to the House, which special Report shall accompany the Report of the Bill.

Railways not to be exempt from any General Act.

116. The following Clause shall be inserted in all Railway Bills:—

“Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this (or the said recited Acts) authorized to be made from the provisions of any general Act relating to Railways now in force, or which may hereafter pass during this or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future revision and alteration under the authority of the General Assembly of the maximum rates of fares and charges authorized by this Act (or by the said recited Acts.)”

Chairman of Committees may report on Private Bill at any period.

117. The Chairman of Committees of either House shall be at liberty at any period after any Private Bill shall have been referred to a Committee to report to the House any special circumstances in relation thereto which may appear to him to require it, or to inform the House that, in his opinion, any unopposed Private Bill should be treated as an opposed Bill.

IX.—PROCEEDINGS ON REPORT OF BILL.

Report to be delivered into Private Bill Office, along with Bill, as amended.

118. The Report on the Bill, as agreed to by the Committee, is delivered by the Committee Clerk into the Private Bill Office, along with the printed copy of the Bill with the written amendments.

Amended Bill to be printed at expense of promoters.

119. Every Private Bill, as amended in Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties applying for the same, and delivered to the Clerk for the use of the Members two clear days at least before the consideration of the Bill.

Report to be delivered to Clerk of House, to lie on Table.

120. The Clerk in the Private Bill Office delivers the Report upon every Private Bill to the Clerk of the House, by whom it is laid on the Table of the House.

Bill, in certain cases, to lie on Table.

121. The Bill, if amended in Committee, or a Railway Bill, is ordered to lie on the Table.

Order for Third Reading of certain Bills.

122. Every other Bill, when reported, is ordered to be read a Third time.

Two days to intervene between Report and consideration of same.

123. In the case of Private Bills ordered to lie on the Table, two clear days shall intervene between the Report and the consideration of the Bill as reported, and no consideration of any such Bill shall take place unless the Chairman of Committees shall have certified in writing to Mr. Speaker that the Bill contains the several provisions required by the Standing Orders.

One day's notice to be given of consideration of Report.

124. One clear day's notice in writing is required to be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerk in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the consideration of every Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table.

Amendments on consideration of a Bill, to be submitted to Chairman of Committees.

125. No Clause or Amendment shall be offered in the House on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, nor any Verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill, unless the Chairman of Committees shall have signified in writing to Mr. Speaker whether, in his opinion, such Clause or Amendment be such as ought or ought not to be entertained by the House, without referring the same to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

Report of Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

126. When any Clause or Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie on the Table, or any Verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill shall have been referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders, no further proceedings shall be had until the Report of the said Joint Committee shall have been brought up.

On consideration of Report, new clauses, &c., may be offered.

127. On the consideration of the Bill as reported, new Clauses or Amendments may be introduced, subject to the preliminary proceedings, or the Bill may be re-committed, or ordered to be considered on a future day.

Amendments, &c., entered upon printed copy of Bill.

128. Amendments made by the House on the consideration of the Bill as reported, or Verbal Amendments on the Third Reading, or Amendments of the other House agreed to, are entered by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office, upon the printed copy of the Bill as amended in Committee.

Order for Third Reading.

129. A Private Bill having been considered, as reported, is ordered to be read a Third time.

One clear day's notice to be given.

130. One clear day's notice in writing is required to be given by the Agent for the Bill, to the Clerk in the Private Bill Office, of the day proposed for the Third Reading.

Amendments on Third Reading.

131. No Amendments not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Private Bill on the Third Reading.

Bill to be printed fair after Third Reading.

132. Every Private Bill, after it has been read a Third time, shall be printed fair, at the expense of the party applying for the same.

Stages of Bill.

133. No Private Bill shall pass through Two stages on one and the same day without the special leave of the House.

Motion for Dispensation of Standing Orders.

134. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order without due notice thereof.

Order of proceedings in House on Private Business.

135. Each day, immediately after Prayers, the Clerk at the Table shall read from the Private Business List, and from the List of Bills presented for First Reading, the Titles of the several Bills set down therein, according to their precedence as arranged under the following heads:—

I. Consideration of Amendments of other House.

II. Third Readings.

III. Consideration of Bills ordered to lie upon the Table.

IV. Second Readings.

V. First Readings.

And if upon the Reading of each such Title as aforesaid no Motion shall be made with respect to such Private Bill, the further proceedings thereon shall be adjourned until the next Sitting of the House.

Bill to be carried from House to other House.

136. Every Private Bill, after it has passed, shall be carried to the other House and treated as a Public Bill until after the First Reading thereof.

X.—PRACTICE IN THE PRIVATE BILL OFFICE.

Private Bill Office and Register.

137. A Book to be called the Private Bill Register shall be kept in a Room to be called the Private Bill Office, in which Book shall be entered by the Clerk appointed for the business of that Office the name, description, and place of residence of the Solicitor (if any), and of the Parliamentary Agent soliciting the Bill, and all the proceedings from the Petition to the passing of the Bill, such entry to specify briefly each day's proceedings before the Joint Committee on Standing Orders or in the House, or in any Committee to which the Bill may be referred; the day and hour on which the Committee is appointed to sit; the day and hour to which the proceedings before such Committee may be adjourned, and the name of the Clerk attending the same; such Book to be open to public inspection daily in the said Office between the hours of ten and four.

Receipt of documents to be acknowledged.

138. The receipt of all Documents required by the Standing Orders of the House to be deposited in the Private Bill Office shall be acknowledged by the Clerk upon the said Document when deposited.

List of Petitions to be kept.

139. A List of all Petitions for Private Bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office in the order of their deposit, which shall be called the General List of Petitions, and each Petition therein shall be numbered.

Notice of Examination.

140. The Private Bill Clerk shall give at least Two clear days' notice in the Private Bill Office of the day appointed for the examination of each Petition for a Bill, and a like notice in all cases of Petitions for additional provision in Private Bills, for Estate Bills, and of Bills introduced by leave of the House in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn, and referred to the Joint Committee on Standing Orders.

Examination Book.

141. After each Private Bill has been read a First time its name or Short Title shall be copied by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office from the Clerk's Minute Book of the day into a separate Book to be called "The Examination Book," wherein shall be

noted the number of such Bill according to the priority of its being read and date of the day of such First Reading.

Custody of Bills.

142. Every Private Bill, after it has been read a First time, and the Title copied, shall be in the custody of the Clerk in the Private Bill Office until reported.

Notice of Meeting of Committee.

143. One clear day's notice shall be given by the Committee of Selection to the Clerk in the Private Bill Office of the day and hour appointed for the Meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill that shall have been referred to such Committee.

Filled up Bill to be deposited in Private Bill Office.

144. A filled up Bill signed by the Agent for the Bill as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on the Bill, and in the case of a re-committed Bill, a filled up Bill as proposed to be submitted to the Committee on re-committal shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office one clear day before the Meeting of the Committee on every Private Bill, and all parties shall be entitled to a copy thereof, upon payment of the charges for making out Amendments of such Bill.

Private Bill, as amended, to be examined.

145. Every Private Bill (reprinted as amended in Committee) shall be examined by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office, who shall certify to its accuracy by an endorsement thereon.

One day's notice to be given of day for consideration of Bill ordered to lie on Table.

146. One clear day's notice in writing shall be given by the Agent for the Bill to the Clerk in the Private Bill Office of the day proposed for the consideration of every Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table.

Notice of proposed amendments on consideration of Bill on Third Reading.

147. When it is intended to bring up any Clause or to propose any Amendment on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, or any Verbal Amendment on the Third Reading of any Private Bill notice shall be given thereof in the Private Bill Office the day before, not later than seven o'clock.

Notice of Third Reading.

148. One clear day's notice in writing shall be given by the Agent for the Bill to the Clerk in the Private Bill Office of the day proposed for the Third Reading of every Private Bill.

Amendments of the other House to be recorded.

149. The Amendments (if any) which are made on the consideration of any Private Bill ordered to lie upon the Table, and upon the Third Reading of any Private Bill, and also such Amendments made by the other House as shall have been agreed to by the House, shall be entered by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office upon the printed copy of the Bill, as amended in Committee, and the Clerk shall sign the said copy so amended in order to its being deposited and preserved in the same Office.

Certificate of Examination.

150. Every Private Bill, after it has been printed fair, shall before the same is sent to the other House, be examined by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office with the Bill as read a Third time, and endorsed by him.

Notice of consideration of Amendments of other House.

151. When Amendments made by the other House to any Private Bill are to be taken into consideration, one clear day's notice thereof should be given in the Private Bill Office by the Agent, and if any Amendments be intended to be proposed thereto, a copy of

such Amendments shall also be deposited, and notice given thereof one clear day previous to the same being proposed to be taken into consideration, and no such notice shall be given until the day after that on which such Bill shall have been returned from the other House.

Time for delivering Notices.

152. All notices required to be given, or deposits to be made in the Private Bill Office shall be delivered in the said Office before Seven of the clock in the evening of any day on which the House shall sit, and before Two of the clock on any day on which the House shall not sit; and after any day on which the House shall have adjourned beyond the following day no notice shall be given for the first day on which it shall sit again.

Daily Lists of Committees Sitting.

153. The Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall prepare daily Lists of all Private Bills and Petitions for Private Bills on which any Committee is appointed to sit, specifying the hour when the Committee shall sit, and the same shall be hung up in the lobby of the House.

XI.—ORDERS SPECIALLY RELATING TO ESTATE BILLS.

Interested persons to consent.

154. All persons immediately concerned in the consequences of any Estate Bill shall signify their consent to such Bill before the Committee to which such Bill may be referred.

Mode of proving consent.

155. Such consent may be given by the person signifying his assent to such Bill, by signing a printed copy thereof in the presence of a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, or a Justice of the Peace.

Consent of Infant, &c.

156. In the case of the infancy or lunacy of any such person, his consent may be given by his guardian, parent, next relation, or Committee.

Consent of Trustees to accept Trust.

157. In all cases where Trustees shall be appointed by any Estate Bills, the consent of the Trustees to accept the Trusts shall be proved in the same manner as other consents.

Notice of application to be given to Mortgagee.

158. Previously to the presentation of a Petition for an Estate Bill, notice shall be given to any person being a Mortgagee upon the Estate intended to be affected by such Bill, and such notice shall state the intention to apply for the Bill, and shall set forth the general objects thereof.

Provision with respect to Estates devoted to Charitable Uses.

159. Similar notice shall be given to the Attorney-General of the application for any Bill relating to or containing provisions whereby any especial application of the property of any charity shall be directed, or the patronage or the constitution of any charity, or the right of any charity, to any property shall be affected.

Petitions for Private Estate Bills to be in accordance with the Statute of 1867.

160. Petitions for Private Estate Bills must be prepared in accordance with the provisions of "The Private Estates Bill Act, 1867," and it shall be incumbent upon the Petitioner to show that the provisions of the said Act have been complied with.

NOTE.—Any Select Committee of the Legislative Council or of the House of Representatives, or a Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives, to which any Private Bill may be referred, may examine Witnesses on oath upon matters relating to such Bill. (See Sec. 2, No. 1, 1860.)

APPENDIX A.

SIR,—We beg to inform you, that application is intended to be made to the General Assembly in the ensuing Session for

an Act and that the property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, or some part thereof, in which we understand you are interested, as therein stated, will be required for the purposes of the said undertaking, according to the line thereof, as at present laid out, or may be required to be taken under the usual powers of deviation, to the extent of yards on either side of the said line, which will be applied for in the said Act, and will be passed through in the manner mentioned in such Schedule.

We also beg to inform you, that a plan and section of the said undertaking, with a book of reference thereto, will be deposited in the Private Bill Office, on or before the commencement of the Session, and that copies of so much of the said plan and section as relates to the district in which your property is situate, with a book of reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public inspection, with the Superintendent of the Province of on or before the 30th day of March, on which plans your property is designated by the numbers set forth in the annexed Schedule.

As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed undertaking, or whether you are neuter in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your answer of assent, dissent, or neutrality in the form left herewith and returning the same to us, with your signature, on or before the day of next; and if there should be any error or misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by your informing us thereof at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We are, Sir,

To

SCHEDULE.

PART OF BOOK OF REFERENCE referred to in the foregoing Notice, and which is intended to show the Property therein alluded to, and the manner in which the Line of the Deposited Sections will affect the same.

		[See Rule 31.]							
Number on Plan.	Place.	Description.	Manner in which affected.	Name of Owner or Reputed Owner.	Name of Lessee or Reputed Lessee.	Name of Occupier.	Assent.	Dissent.	Neuter.
21	Epsom	Arable field.	4 feet cutting.	Henry Smith.	George Lucas.	John Sims			Henry Smith.
							Assent.	Dissent.	Neuter.
				Henry Smith.	George Lucas.	John Sims			Henry Smith.
				Henry Smith.	George Lucas.	John Sims	Assent.	Dissent.	Neuter.
				Henry Smith.	George Lucas.	John Sims			Henry Smith.
				Henry Smith.	George Lucas.	John Sims			Henry Smith.

[See Rules 34 and 56.]

A LIST OF CHARGES

To be made by Parliamentary Agents, Solicitors, and Others, with reference to the several matters therein comprised, so far as concerns the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives respectively.

ATTENDANCES.

FOR every attendance hereinafter specified, whenever the same shall be necessary, and shall be actually had (but not otherwise), Parliamentary Agents will be entitled to the charges set down.

STAGES OF BILL IN EITHER HOUSE.

At each of the following proceedings in the Houses upon the Petition and Bill, viz.:

PROMOTERS.

Attending at Private Bill Office to give notice of presentation of Petition	21s. 0d.
Do. do. First Reading of Bill	42s. 0d.
Do. do. Second Reading of Bill	42s. 0d.
Consideration of Report of Committee	21s. 0d.
Third Reading	42s. 0d.
Ordinary attendances at Private Bill Office	10s. 6d.

All other special attendances in reference to other proceedings in either House, may be charged according to the circumstances of each case, in conformity with such parts of this list as may be applicable thereto.

EXAMINERS.

Attendances before the Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills, House of Representatives, and Legislative Council.

Unopposed cases—

To prove compliance with the Standing Orders and obtaining endorsement of Examiner	63s. 0d.
For subsequent attendance on same Bill	21s. 0d.

Only one adjournment allowed.

To prove compliance with the Standing Orders in the case of Bills from the other House, Petitions for additional provision, or Bills introduced in lieu of other Bills which shall have been withdrawn	21s. 0d.
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Opposed cases—

For every day on which Memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders are required into by the Examiner (according to circumstances)	63s. to 105s.
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For entering appearances upon Memorials before the Examiner, and watching in case such Memorials are not called on—each day	42s. to 63s.
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When an Agent appears and attends for two or more Memorials, complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, on behalf of the same Clients, against the same Bill, he will be entitled to charge one day's attendance only, in respect of the same.

For every day on which a Petition for a Bill is on the Examiner's Daily List, but is not called on	42s. 0d.
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When two or more Petitions for Bills being presented or opposed by the same Clients are appointed for examination by the Examiner on the same day, but are not called on, the Agents of such Clients respectively will not be entitled to such charge in respect of each Petition for a Bill so promoted or opposed, but may charge any sum not exceeding £1 1s. in respect of each other Petition for a Bill on the same List. Provided that in no case (except under special circumstances) shall a charge exceeding £5 5s. be made in respect of one such day's attendance on behalf of the same Clients.

For every day on which Memorials complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders, in the case of Bills from the Legislative Council, Petitions for additional provision, or Bills introduced in lieu of other Bills, which shall have been withdrawn, are required into by the Examiner, from	42s. to 63s.
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ATTENDANCES BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Attending Committee of either House each day in which the case is on the List and is heard, postponed, or adjourned	42s. 0d.
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Unopposed—

Attending when Bill considered by Committee, First Sitting	63s. 0d.
Do. do. each subsequent	42s. 0d.

When special Counsel employed, the Counsel's fees to be £5 5s., and the Agent's £2 2s.

Opposed—

Attending Committee each day when Bill considered by the Committee, when the parties appear without special Counsel (according to circumstances), from	63s. to 105s.
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When parties appear by Counsel and the Preamble is considered by the Committee, from	105s. to 210s.
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Attending when clauses of Bill are considered by the Committee, from	63s. to 105s.
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When an Agent attends for two or more Petitions against a Bill on behalf of the same Clients, he will be entitled to charge one day's attendance only in respect of the same.

Attending to watch proceedings of Committee on a group of Bills, when the Bill in respect of which the Agent is concerned stands for consideration, but is not considered by the Committee—

Promoters, per day	42s. 0d.
Opponents do.	21s. 0d.

In no case, except under very special circumstances, shall a charge exceeding £5 5s. be made in respect of one day's attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Special attendances on Chairman of Committee in reference to any Bill	21s. 0d.
Attending at the Private Bill Office to deposit Petition for Bill with Agent's declaration and printed copy of Bill annexed, and other copies of the Bill, and registering the Petition on the General List of Petitions	21s. 0d.
The making up the Petition, with declaration and Bill annexed, is included in this charge.	
Attending to deposit Plan and Book of Reference	21s. 0d.
Other attendances at House or Offices	10s. 6d.
The charge for attending to deposit includes any charge for drawing a memorandum of documents deposited, and obtaining signature of depositor thereto, and the requisite copies of the same, except the same shall exceed one folio, when 2s. per folio may be charged for drawing same, and 6d. per folio for copies to hand in to Examiner, or other requisite copies. It also includes the drawing and obtaining the certificate or receipt for such deposit.	
(Attendances for the purpose of deposit cannot be charged both by Parliamentary Agent and Solicitor.)	
Attending at the Private Bill Office to deposit Petitions in favour of or against any Private Bill and registering same—	
If one or less than three	13s. 4d.
If three or less than seven	21s. 0d.
If seven or less than twelve	31s. 6d.
Any number exceeding twelve	42s. 0d.
The endorsing Petitions, and preparing same for deposit, are included in the above fee, except when same are prepared by the Solicitor, when from 3s. 4d. to 6s. 8d. is allowed for endorsing a Petition or set of Petitions and transmitting the same to a Parliamentary Agent, for the purpose of deposit, (except when included in the sessional fee).	
Attending on Taxing Officer for the purpose of taxation of a Bill of Costs, from	13s. 4d. to 42s.
No charge is allowed for copies of a Bill of Costs for taxation, except when necessarily made for the purpose of depositing the same in the Taxing Office.	
On a Witness settling his proof (if necessary)	6s. 8d.
If attendance requisite on many Witnesses on the same occasion, a charge to be made according to the time occupied. The attendance on a Witness for the purpose of settling an affidavit is included in the charge for drawing affidavit. The attendance on a Witness previously drawing his proof is included in the charge for instructions for proof.	
With a Witness to be sworn	6s. 8d.
At Post Office, registering, and posting applications and taking receipt	13s. 4d.
The application to owners, lessees and occupiers should be made by post, if practicable, and more economical. When personal service is required a clerk's time and expenses for the purpose of such service may be charged, except when such service can be more economically made through local agents.	
Preparing and despatching telegraphic message	10s. 0d.
At Private Bill Office to take out appearances	7s. 6d.
Only one charge is allowed for taking out appearances on any number of Petitions from the same Clients on the same day.	
On Printer with instructions	6s. 8d.
When attendance to order proofs is charged, no charge is allowed for subsequent attendance to obtain proofs. No attendance to be charged for ordering further additional copies.	
ATTENDANCES OF A CLERK.	
Before a Committee or the Examiner to give evidence	10s. 6d.
If in favour of or against an opposed Bill, or in support of or against allegations of a Memorial	21s. 0d.
To order and obtain copies of any Petition or Petitions in favour of or against a Bill or other document	7s. 6d.
Only one attendance is allowed to be charged for ordering and obtaining any number of Petitions against the same Bill, at the same time.	
Other attendances of a Clerk	7s. 6d.
TIME CHARGES.	
For attendances—ordinary	10s. 6d.
If upwards of an hour	21s. 0d.
Or, per hour	13s. 4d.
Provided the whole charge does not exceed £4 4s.	
If required to leave Province in which he resides—	
Time per day	84s. 0d.
No time charge for Sundays, but Hotel expenses allowed.	
Hotel expenses, per day	21s. 0d.
And fares actually paid.	
The day charge includes all work done during the day.	
Clerks, per day	21s. 0d.
Hotel expenses actually paid.	
In taking the reference, and in serving application on owners, &c., a charge of £1 11s. 6d. per day is allowed for each clerk so employed.	

DRAWING DOCUMENTS.

The folio mentioned in the following list means seventy-two words or figures, and the sheet, ten folios. If, for example an ordinary brief sheet contains from five to seven folios, the computation of the number of sheets must be made by ascertaining the actual number of folios of seventy-two words in the whole document and dividing it by ten.	
Instructions for drawing documents are only allowed in those cases in which it is specified in the following list; but instructions are not to be charged above the time occupied in getting up the particulars, or where the perusal of the necessary documents are specifically charged.	
In all cases the charge for drawing includes a fair copy for the Solicitor's or Agent's own use, or for the Counsel of an Agent to settle. The charge for a copy includes its examination.	
Special instructions (if required) and letters therewith.	
Notice—	
As to contents and publication	21s. 0d.
Plans—	
As to form and deposit of	21s. 0d.
Notice to Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers—	
As to form and service thereof	10s. 6d.
List of Owners, &c.—	
As to form of	10s. 6d.
[Any other instructions as to the above documents or other requirements of the Standing Orders to be charged as a letter.]	
Notice in "Gazette" or Newspaper—	
Instructions	13s. 4d.
If less than eleven folios	21s. 0d.
If more than eleven folios, per folio	2s. 0d.
Book of Reference—	
Per folio	2s. 0d.
List of Owners, &c.—	
Per folio	2s. 0d.
Applications to Owners, &c.—	
Drawing and fair copy for service, each application (including the letter of assent, dissent, or neutrality) left or forwarded therewith	10s. 0d.
Each notice of abandonments and other notice not being in the form set forth in Appendix A. to the Standing Orders	5s. 0d.
List of applications to be posted or to be served by a witness, and copy for signature, including the obtaining the signature of the witness thereto—	
Each list	3s. 4d.
Or, per folio	1s. 4d.
No second charge allowed for drawing the above lists of applications for the purpose of handing in to the Examiner, or other purpose, but only the charge for copying.	
Estimates of expense and requisite copies	10s. 6d.
Declaration in lieu or in aid of deposit of money, and requisite copies	21s. 0d.
Declaration and estimate, and requisite copies	31s. 6d.
Declaration under Standing Orders and requisite copies	31s. 6d.
Subscription Contract—	
Instructions	13s. 4d.
Per folio	1s. 4d.
Petition for Bill—	
If less than eleven folios	21s. 0d.
If more than eleven folios, per folio	2s. 0d.
Agent's declaration and copy for deposit	42s. 0d.
Bill—	
Instructions	42s. 0d.
Drawing Bill, per folio	2s. 0d.
Additional clauses, per folio	2s. 0d.
STATEMENT OF PROOFS OF STANDING ORDERS.	
Proofs previously to the introduction of the Bill.	
Parliamentary Agent—	
Drawing or perusing same, and fair copy, and forwarding same to Solicitor, together with letter and instructions, from	21s. to 42s.
Solicitor—	
Drawing or perusing and filling up the same, and arranging Lists referred to therein, and forwarding same to Agent, from	21s. to 63s.
Parliamentary Agent—	
Perusing and finally arranging the same for proof before the Examiner, from	10s. 6d. to 21s.
If the Solicitor is also acting as Parliamentary Agent he may charge for statement of proofs, including final arrangement of same, from	42s. to 105s.
Proofs subsequent to introduction of Bill, from	21s. to 63s.
No further or other charge is allowed with reference to the preparation of the statement of proofs.	
Memorials complaining of non-compliance of Standing Orders—	
Instructions	13s. 4d.
If less than eleven folios	21s. 0d.
If more than eleven folios, per folio	2s. 0d.

Statements for Joint Committee on Standing Orders—
 According to length and other circumstances,
 from 13s. 4d. to 42s.
 Or, per brief sheet of ten folios 13s. 4d.

Petitions against the Bill, and praying to be heard before Committee—
 Instructions 13s. 4d.
 If less than eleven folios 21s. 0d.
 If more than eleven folios, per folio 2s. 0d.

Petitions for additional provision—
 Same as preceding charges without instructions.

Other Petitions with reference to Bill—
 If less than eleven folios 13s. 4d.
 If less than fifteen folios 20s. 0d.
 If more than fifteen folios, per sheet (ten folios) 13s. 4d.
 Or, per folio 1s. 4d.

BRIEFS.

Instructions for (according to circumstances.)
 Drawing same, per sheet of ten folios 13s. 4d.
 Documents copied to form part of Brief must be charged as copies (at 6d. per folio,) and not as drawing.

Retainers to Counsel—
 Drawing and copy 10s. 0d.

Case for opinion of Counsel—
 Instructions 13s. 4d.
 Drawing, per sheet 13s. 4d.

Proofs for Witnesses, or notes for examination—
 Instructions (including any previous attendance on Witnesses) 13s. 4d.
 Drawing, per sheet 13s. 4d.
 Statements, Reports, Abstracts, and other documents prepared for use in proceedings of the House, or in preparing to comply with Standing Orders, per folio 1s. 4d.
 Or, per brief sheet of ten folios 13s. 4d.

Affidavits (including attendance on Witness)—
 Each Affidavit, including Lists attached thereto and copy 10s. 0d.
 Or, per folio 1s. 4d.
 Requisition for Warrants for deposit of money and copy for signature 10s. 0d.
 Warrant and attendance to get same signed 10s. 0d.
 Requisition for Certificate of Mr. Speaker 10s. 0d.
 Certificate and attendance to get same signed... .. 10s. 0d.
 Requisition for withdrawal of Petitions or Memorials 10s. 0d.

Motions, special for Members—
 Drawing and fair copy for Member 10s. 0d.
 Ordinary motions on the several stages of a Bill, to be included in attendances.

Summons for Witness—
 Drawing and copy for service 5s. 0d.
 Other documents not charged in the List, at per folio 1s. 0d.

PERUSING.

For perusing and settling documents drawn by a Solicitor (when required.)

Notices for "Gazette" and Newspapers—
 If less than eleven folios 21s. 0d.
 If more than eleven folios, according to length and other circumstances, from 21s. to 42s.

Petition for Bill—
 If under eleven folios 21s. 0d.
 If more than eleven folios, from 21s. to 42s.
 Or, if the same shall exceed fifty folios, 1s. per folio on whole.
 Petitions for additional provision Same as
 Do. for dispensing with Standing Orders } Petition for
 Do. against the Bill, or Bill.
 Memorial complaining of non-compliance, &c. }
 Other Petitions in favour of or against Bill 6s. 8d.
 Statements for Joint Committee on Standing Orders, Reports, and other documents, when the same have been drawn by the Solicitor, according to circumstances, from 6s. 8d. to 21s.
 Or, per brief sheet of ten folios 6s. 8d.

Perusing and settling Bills and preparing same in Parliamentary form and for Press—
 For any Bill not exceeding sixty folios, according to the length of the Bill, and the nature and extent of revision, from 42s. to 105s.
 Do. do. do. 150 folios, from 105s. to 210s.
 For any Bill exceeding 150 folios, according to the length of the Bill, and the nature and extent of revision; but if above £10 10s.,

not exceeding, except under special circumstances, one-half of the charge for drawing any such Bill 105s. & upw'ds

Perusing and settling clauses and amendments, not exceeding 1s. per folio
 The charges for perusing and settling include a copy as perused and settled for own use if required, and no copy is to be charged for the purpose of returning the same as settled. No charge is allowed for perusal and settling by the party who charges for the drawing, but he may charge for perusal (if necessary) of the document as settled, according to circumstances, but not in any case exceeding half the charge allowed for perusal and settling of the draft.

PERUSALS.

Perusals generally should be charged by the time occupied, but if per folio, not exceeding 0s. 4d.
 Obtaining and perusing report of any public body on Bill 10s. 6d.

Perusing a Petition or Memorial against Bill—
 If under twenty folios 6s. 8d.
 If above twenty folios, per folio 0s. 4d.

COPIES OF DOCUMENTS.

Books of Reference, Lists of Owners, &c., and other similar documents required by the Standing Orders to be deposited.
 For the copies so deposited, when in manuscript, per folio (of seventy-two words) 0s. 9d.
 For such copies of other documents as are included in the Appendix A., per folio 0s. 6d.
 For engrossing Petitions, Memorials, and ordinary Parliamentary documents, per folio 0s. 9d.
 For copies of documents not included in the Appendix A., per folio 0s. 4d.
 Books of Reference although often deposited in print are allowed for as copies. In cases where Minutes of Evidence are printed, copies of the same are not allowed to be charged, but only the cost of printing and the necessary attendances on the Printer.

EXAMINING PRINTED DOCUMENTS.

Prints of Bills—
 Proofs 13s. 4d.
 Or, per page of print 1s. 0d.
 Revises 6s. 8d.
 Or, per page of print 0s. 6d.
 Ordering proofs of estimates or declaration, examining same, and all revises, and returning same to Printer with instructions to print 13s. 4d.

Notices in "Gazette" and Newspaper—
 Each Newspaper—
 Forwarding notice to Printer with instructions 6s. 8d.
 Examining proof, from 3s. 4d. to 10s.
 Returning proof and ordering insertion 6s. 8d.
 Examining notice on each insertion 3s. 4d.
 If a revise is necessary, an addition for ordering revise and examining same of each revise 10s. 0d.
 No other or further charge is allowed with reference to printing the notice.

MAKING UP COPIES OF BILLS, AND FILLING UP AMENDMENTS.
 Blanking Bill, drawing arrangement of sections, and finally settling Bill for Printer 21s. 0d.
 Making up Bill in Parliamentary form for House, and deposit of the same 21s. 0d.

Filling up Bills with amendments—
 For the first copy, unless the amendments be very numerous 6s. 8d.
 For each other copy, do. do. 3s. 4d.
 If new clauses or amendments be added, exceeding six folios, copies of the same may be charged at 6d. per folio.
 Marking on print of Bill, the amendments made therein for Examiner 6s. 8d.
 [A manuscript copy of the amendments is not allowed to be charged.]
 Altering Bill as an Act, and attending Printer with instructions to strike off copies 10s. 6d.

MAKING UP DOCUMENTS.

Examining and making up Plans and Books of Reference, for the purpose of deposit, each set
 Do. List of Owners, &c., and documents attached thereto 10s. 6d.

LETTERS.

Letters containing professional advice or instructions 6s. 8d.
 If exceeding six folios in length 10s. 0d.
 Ordinary letters 5s. 0d.
 Circulars 1s. 0d.
 In cases for which no specific charge is stated in the foregoing table, the charge is to be made out according to the time occupied.

NOTE.—As to the Taxation of Costs, see "The Parliamentary Costs Taxation Act, 1861."

We approve of the foregoing charges, which appear to us respectively, such as Parliamentary Agents, Solicitors, and others may justly make.
Dated this 30th day of September, 1867.

T. H. BARTLEY,
Speaker, Legislative Council.
D. MONRO,
Speaker, House of Representatives.

ROBERT CHAPMAN, Esq., Official Administrator of Intestate Estates at Otago, in account with the Estate of GEORGE GILLELAND, of Shag Valley, deceased, intestate.

	£	s.	d.
1866.			
Aug. 13. By cash from police—found on person	11	2	0
By proceeds sale of a dog	1	10	0
By proceeds sale of blankets	0	10	0
By proceeds sale of mare and foal	13	3	6
By proceeds sale of saddle and bridle	2	15	0
	£29	0	6

	£	s.	d.
1866.			
Aug. 13. Paid for digging grave	1	1	0
Paid J. Gillegan, bedding, &c., destroyed	5	10	0
Paid Thomas Whennan, coffin, &c.	8	5	0
28. Paid Court fees, viz.—Filing and swearing affidavit, 5s.; setting down, 5s.; order, 6s.; letters of administration, 30s.; balance sheet, 7s. 6d.	2	13	6
Sept. 4. Paid advertising in <i>Daily Times</i>	0	12	0
Paid administrator's commission	1	19	0
Balance	9	0	0
	£29	0	6

ROBERT CHAPMAN, Esq., Registrar, Supreme Court, Otago, in account with the Estate of WILLIAM PEARS, of German Hill, miner, deceased, intestate.

	£	s.	d.
1866.			
Feb. 15. By cash from police	5	7	0
1867.			
May 13. Paid Court fees, namely—Swearing and filing affidavit, 5s.; order, 6s.; letters of administration, 5s.; balance sheet, 7s. 6d.	1	3	6
Paid Registrar's commission	0	5	0
Balance	3	18	6
	£5	7	0

ROBERT CHAPMAN, Esq., Official Administrator of Intestate Estates at Otago, in account with the Estate of EDWARD MCCARTHY, of Maitauro, deceased, intestate.

	£	s.	d.
1865.			
Dec. 24. By cash from Chief Postmaster, Dunedin—salary	7	1	11
1866. Jan. 30. By proceeds sale of effects	34	13	0
	£41	14	11

	£	s.	d.
1866.			
Jan. 30. Paid Daniel Sinclair claim	2	0	0
May 26. Paid advertising in <i>Bruce Herald</i>	0	9	0
28. Paid swearing and filing an affidavit, 5s.; order, 6s.	0	11	0
Paid letters of administration, 30s.; balance sheet, 7s. 6d.	1	17	6
Paid administrator's commission	3	2	6
Aug. 21. Paid James Wybrow claim	30	7	5
Oct. 12. Paid John McGibbon	3	7	6
	£41	14	11

NOTICE of Retirement from Partnership.—Mr. HENRY FROST has this day retired from the firm of "James Bentley and Company." Nelson, December 21, 1867.

NEW ZEALAND STATUTES, 1867.—Parties desirous of purchasing the volume of New Zealand Statutes for 1867 are informed that copies can be had on application to the Government Printer, at the following prices:—

Bound copies ... Thirty Shillings.
Loose copies ... Sixpence per sheet.

All orders for the same must be accompanied by a remittance; and when ten or more copies are purchased, twenty per cent. discount will be allowed. No payments above five shillings to be made in stamps.

GEO. DIDSBURY,
Government Printer.

Government Printing Office,
Wellington, 23rd December, 1867.

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SUBSCRIPTION.

(to be paid in advance)

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Per Quarter	0	10	6
Price for single copies of <i>Gazette</i>	0	1	0

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	£	s.	d.
For the first fifty words and under	0	3	0
For every four words after the first fifty	0	0	2
Headings, date lines, signatures, &c., requiring to be printed in separate lines, to be charged at, per line	0	0	4
Intestate Estate Balance Sheets	0	7	6

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