

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1856.

Members Present:—

Mr. Parkes,		Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Cowper,		Mr. Hay,
	Mr. Faucett.	

Mr. Parkes was called to the Chair.

Mr. Edward J. Spence examined.

[Adjourned till Friday next, at Eleven o'clock.]

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1856.

Members Present:—

Henry Parkes, Esquire, in the Chair.

Mr. Macarthur,		Mr. Irving.
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Mr. Saul Samuel, and Mr. A. E. Dodwell, examined.

[Adjourned till Wednesday next, at Ten o'clock.]

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1856.

Members Present:—

Henry Parkes, Esquire, in the Chair.

Mr. Macarthur,		Mr. Irving.
	Mr. Cowper.	

Mr. John Thompson, Deputy Surveyor General, examined.

Committee deliberated as to whether there existed any necessity for taking further Evidence on the subject under consideration, and were of opinion that the Evidence already taken, together with the information contained in the Correspondence respecting the proposed construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph, referred to the Committee, on the 28th November last, would be amply sufficient to enable them to Report to the House forthwith, without entering upon the examination of any more witnesses.

Committee then considered whether it would be expedient to recommend any particular Line of Telegraph for immediate construction.

Motion made (Mr. Cowper,) and Question—"That in the opinion of this Committee it is expedient to recommend to the House the immediate construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph between Sydney and Albany, in such a manner as to meet the proposal of the Government of Victoria, set forth in the Correspondence relative to the Electric Telegraph, referred to the Committee"—*agreed to.*

Motion made (Mr. Cowper,) and Question—"That the Chairman be requested to prepare a Draft Report for the consideration of the Committee"—*agreed to.*

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Ten o'clock.]

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1856.

Member Present:—

Mr. Parkes.

A Quorum of the Committee not being present,—

[Adjourned till Thursday next at Eleven o'clock.]

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1856.

Members Present:—

Henry Parkes, Esquire, in the Chair.

Mr. Macarthur,		Mr. Irving,
	Mr. Cowper.	

At the request of the Chairman, Committee decided upon examining Mr. W. A. Sprigg, then in attendance for the purpose of giving Evidence, before considering the Draft Report.

Mr. W. A. Sprigg examined accordingly.

During his examination Mr. Sprigg exhibited "Henley's Patent Magnetic Apparatus" to the Committee, who inspected the same.

Portion of Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, read.

Committee deliberated on the same.

Motion made, and Question—"That this Committee do now adjourn till a quarter to Three o'clock this day"—*agreed to.*

[Adjourned till a quarter to Three o'clock this day.]

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1856.

Members Present:—

Henry Parkes, Esquire, in the Chair.

Mr. Cowper,

Mr. Macarthur.

Mr. Irving,

Committee met to consider Draft Report, pursuant to a Resolution passed at previous Meeting *this day*.

Remaining portion of Draft Report, proposed by the Chairman, read.

Motion made, and *Question*—"That this be the Report of the Committee"—*agreed to*.
Chairman requested to Report.

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