

AAN CORRESPONDENTEN.

De mededeling van den heer J. J. Duquin de Villiers is ontvangen.—De schryver was klarlyklyk niet bekend met de volgende feiten: eerstens, dat het Parlement besloten had er niet zo worden afgeweken van de spoorweg linie door Stellenbosch, als per contract; tweedens, dat de Gouverneur, in syn discrete, toegestemd had de lijne regtig te laten loopen tot of nabij den Eide mystieke; en derde, dat er by het Parlement deswegen niets verder kon gedaan worden, daar dat liggham, toen hy syn brief schreef, op het punt stand gereprogrammeerd te worden. Moge de schryver van oordien zyn dat er door de planning synstedeeling nog enige acht gegeven kan worden, dan berigte dy ons ralka.

15 Volle Maan..... 2a. 7m. 's Morgens.
23 Laatste Kwartier..... 4a. 40m. 's Morgens.
29 Nieuwe Maan..... 10u. 53m. 's Namiddags.

DE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Kaapstad den 18 July 1859.

Zy die zich gewend hebben om de Engelsche Constitutie als iets geheel volmaaks te beschouwen, moeten natuurlyk elke afwijking van dit model in ons Koloniale Constitutie voor een fou houden. Maar volmaaktheid en veranderlykheid gaan niet ligt gepaard; en toch is het eens der beste eigenschappen van de Engelsche Constitutie dat sy zich altyd naar de omstandigheden last wijzigen, istch wat niet het geval zou zyn oy in alle kleinigheden onveranderlyk was vastgesteld. De volmaaktheid verschilt zoo geheel en al van Engeland, dat wat aldair uitwendig werkt hier geheel zou mislukken, als men het geheel op den pou wilde volgen. Het Hoogerhuis bestaat uit geheel verschillende soorten van lieden; zoer dat als een lid van het Huis der Gemeenten tot Pair verheven wordt, hy blyft onphoudt zichzelf te zyn; en naauwelijks minder veranderd wordt dan die personen uit de fabelkunde, die, na dit ondermannische bewoerd te hebben, naderhand door de Goden naar de sterren verhaast werden, om daar met nieuwe glans te schijnen. Het Engelsche Huis der Gemeenten bezit groote magt, die magt namelyk om de geden toestaan of in te houden, zonder welke het Uitvoerend Bewind niets kan uitrichten. Een hoge rang sicht magt, en kan niet verdragen dat mindere die magt uitoefenen. Daarom sou het volstrekt niet wenschelyk zyn dat men het Hoogerhuis inbreuk op dat regt van het Lagerhuis list maken, wat aan dit Huis byzonder eigen is, en dat ook, voor het welzijn der geheele natie, geen betere handen kou worden toevertrouwd.

Er is niet alleen een groot verschil tuschen onsz Huizen en het Engelsche Hooger- en Lagerhuis respectyvelijk, maar die onderlinge betrekking van de met elckander overeenkomstige takken der twee Parlementen is zeer onderscheiden. De ledens van onze beide Huizen zyn van denzelfden stand, en de ryke lieden onzer kolonie zyn al net sulke piebbers als zy, wie beperkte middelen hen buiten den Raad sitzen. Maar onze Raadsleden worden door grotere kizers-lighamen gekozen dan die ledens der Wetgevende Vergadering.

Dat is al wat hen onderscheidt. Beide zyn oy door het volk gekozen, maar de ledens der Vergadering, door één stad of één district, die van den Raad door de helft der kolonie. Als het nu natuurlyk is dat de halve kolonie eenig toegift uitvoert over hetgeen door een enkele stad of een enkel district gedaan wordt; dan is het ook natuurlyk dat de vertegenwoordigers van de helft der kolonie gezamenlyk over de handelingen van de gezamenlyke vertegenwoordigers der enkele steden toegift uitoefent.

Waarschynlyk is het dese overtuiging, die de vervaardigers onzer Constitutie te toegebragt heeft om aan onszen Wetgevenden Raad eens mogt toe te kennen, die aan het Engelsche Hoogerhuis wylselyk onthouden is.— Schoon rykdom niet altijd beschaving meebrengt, geft hy doch onsfnankelyk die een door het volk gekozen kolonie moet kenmerken. Nu is er niet veel scherpzinnigheid, toe nooddig om uit te vinden dat die eigenschap zich veel meer in den Raad dan in de Vergadering vertoont. Verscheiden der invloedrycke ledens van onse Wetgevende Vergadering trekken of een gedeelte van hun levensonderhoud van de regering, of hebben althans geen fortuin en geens vooruitzichten genoeg, dat zy ongestraft de regering tot vyan kunnen maken. Zoo zy nich, wat ligt mogelyk is, door de regering somtyds er toe laten overhalen om wat al te veel van 's lands geld, en dat wel voor doeleinden uit te geven, waarvan het nut twyfelachtig is, dan is het zeer wenschelyk dat er een ander talyk man ingesleyd door het volk gekozen en uit mannen van een onafhankelyk vermogen bestaand ligghaam zy, waaraan die magt is opgedragen om de besluiten der Wetgevende Vergadering te herzien.

De amendementen van den Raad zyn alleen wenken aan de Vergadering om enige onderheden harer besluten te wryzigen; en als de Vergadering hare ware betrekking tot den Raad begreep, en zich niet op hare hersenschimme gelykenis op het Huis der Gemeenten van het Ryks Parlement verhief, dan zou het de wens van den Raad niet beschieden aannemen, en begrypen dat het een of ander punt kon toegeven of een verzie verberet, zonder zich daaron door het ander Huis te laten regeren.

KUNNEN DE HUIZEN het volstrekt niet sens worden, dan is onthouding van het Parlement het enige redmiddel,— een middel trouwens, dat niet zo erg is als men zich wel vermoedt, maar waarvan we weinig goeds verwachten, soodanig enze constat niet gewijzigd is.

AANSTELLINGEN.—De heer H. Mosenthal, om passen te leveren en dienst-contrakten met inlanders te attesteren: De heer S. J. Schoeman, als adjoint veldkornet voor de wyk Cango, afdeling Oudsthoorn. De heer A. J. Joubert, als Veldkornet van de wyk Buffelvallei, afdeling Almal Noord. Staf Chirurgyn Leet, (pro temp.) als Distrikts Doctor van Stockenstrom. De heer L. H. Maurant, als Civile Commissaris en Magistrat van Cradock. De heer C. Haw, als dito van Caledon. De heer W. T. L. Emmet, als dito van Stockenstrom, alsook als Vrederegter voor de Kaapstad en al de buiten-districten.

SEKRETARIE.—De boedels van C. J. Nelson, J. W. Eerste en finale byeenkomst op het Meesters Kantoor, op den 27 July. E. Kelly.—Eerste en tweede dito, op het Magistrats Kantoor, Cradock, op den 30 July en 6 Aug.

GODEKROON NLEESCH MAATSCHAPPI.—De verdaagde publieke byeenkomst had op ll. Zaturdag plaats op het Stadhuis, en werd talyk bygewoond. Het provisionele comitee submittedde een aantal resolutien welke strekken zullen om het beoogde doel te bereiken. Dese werden eenvaertig goedgekeurd. De maatschappij bestaat uit 20,000 aandeelen van £1 elk, betaalbaar by inschrijving. Geen deelhouder zal meer als 10 aandeelen in syn eigen regt mogen hebben. Zoodra 5000 aandeelen opgebald zijn, zullen beginnen te werken. De maatschappij kan schikkingen maken met enige der bestaande slagters, indien deze zich verbinden het vleesch tegen billyke prijzen te leveren, of anders hare eigen hallen openen voor het publiek in het algemeen.

Het tegenwoordig provisionele comitee werd gauthoriseerd subscripties te ontvangen, en de byeenkomst besloot dat de lysen open zullen blijven tot Maandag den 18 Decembris.

LADBOUW BYZYKOMST.—Voorleeden Dingdag kwam het algemeen committee byeen, toen men besloot £25 te geven aan elke der 12 genootschappen in de westelijke afdeling, het sedis der parlementaire toelating landen in handen van het hoofd genootschap tot algemeene einden. Het genootschap in welk district de jurijsche vergadering wordt gehouden, zal echter die toelating niet krygen; en ieder genootschap zal een jaarlyk verslag aan

het hoofdgenootschap moeten inzendien. De Secretaris kroeg in last naar Worcester, Caledon en Swellendam om te schryven, om te vermenen welke genootschappen voorzien kunnen worden tot het houden der tentoonstellingen.

CORPS SAPEURS EN MINEURS.—De heer Scott Tufts heeft, gezamenlyk met andere heeren, die het beroep van ingenieur, vliegheem, aangeboden hunne snipper-tien ten dienste van het Gouvernement te stellen, met het doel om een corps sapeurs en mineurs te vormen in verband met het talyk corps artillerie, ruiterij en voetvolk. Zyne Excellence, de Gouverneur heeft dat samd aangeboden en beloofd alle hulp in syn vermogen aan het voorgetelde corps te zullen verleenen.

POGING TOT ONTHAPPING.—De beruchte bandiet Smith is ll. Donderdag avond vyf uit de stad gevangen ontkomen. Hy had met behulp van de staale van een horlogie een der yzen tralien van synne elct nagegoen doorgaandezaad, toen hy betrapt en in verkerde bewaring gesteld werd.

De man Kent is nog voorvlugtig. Op Vrydag werd een persoon, dien men voor hem had aangezien, van Stellenbosch opgesonden; maar by onderzoek bleek deze een deserter van het 59ste Rgt. te zyn.

BRAND IN PORT ELIZABETH.—Op Zondag morgen den 4 dezer, ontbrand er brand in den timmermans winkel van de heer Abbot en James, welke, gezamenlyk met het belandend woonhuis, weldra een prooi der vlammen werd, benevenus al wat er, zich in bevond. Een houten pakhuis aan de overzijde der straat vatte ook vuur, maar werd gelukkig gedemd. De brand wordt vermoedt het werk te zyn van Hottentotse vagabonden.

QUEENS TOWN.—DUBBEL WARENDE MOORD.—Op Vrydag (24 Juny) werd narig in de stad gebracht van het geheimzinnig verdwynen van twee kleine slaven jongens op den vorigen Zondag. Uit de opgraving van den bader blijft het dat zy op dien dag naar gewoonte naar het veld waren gezonden om de boekken op te stellen. Niet teverkeerde gedurende den dag om te eten, werden de ouders zeer verontrust, en tegen het vallen van den avond ging de vader met een aantal kleurlingen hen opzoeken. Zy kwamen op een doode bok af, digt by welke eenen Engelschman, beschuldigd van rustverstoring op de plaats van eenen boer, alwaar hy de duuren opengeschopt en gedreigd heeft op de inwoners te schieten en ander buitensoorigheden. Hy plakte saldig, en tot ieders verbazing was zyn venus 10s boet of 6 dagen dwang arbeid, niet borgtocht in 25 om zich 6 maanden goed te gedraghen.

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Cape Town, July 11, 1859.

To those who have accustomed themselves to consider the English Constitution as absolute perfection, every deviation from that model in our colonial constitution must naturally appear a blemish. But perfection and mutability can hardly be reconciled, and yet it is one of the most valuable attributes of the English Constitution that it is for ever adapting itself to circumstances, which it could not do if it were immutably fixed in all its details. The perfection of such things is a relative, not an absolute excellence. This Colony is so essentially different from England, that what may work most beneficially there, may have a pernicious tendency if closely imitated here. The Lords and Commons are two different sets of people; so much so indeed, that when a commoner becomes a Peer, he almost ceases to be himself, and is hardly less changed from what he was, than these mythological personages who, after having inhabited this sublunar world, were placed by the Gods among the constellations of heaven, there to shine with a new lustre. The English House of Commons has great power, that of granting or withholding those supplies without which all action of the Executive is brought to a stand. Distinguished rank claims power as its attribute, and cannot brook to see it exercised by men of inferior station. On that account it would be very undesirable that the Lords should be allowed to interfere with the Commons in the exercise of that power, which is their most valuable distinction, and which for the good of the nation at large could not be confided to better hands.

There is not only a striking difference between the Lords and Commons, and our Council and Assembly respectively; but the mutual relation of the corresponding branches of the two legislatures is very dissimilar. Our members of both houses are from the same class of people, and our colonial men of wealth are not a whit less plebeian than those whose limited means exclude them from the Council. But our members of Council owe their election to a larger constituency than those of the Assembly. That is their real distinction. Both owe their position to the people; but the member of the Assembly is chosen by a single town or district, and the member of the Council by half the Colony. Now, if it is natural for half the Colony to exercise some control over the acts of a single town or district, it is also natural for the collective representatives of half the Colony, to control the acts of the collective representatives of individual towns and districts. It must be owing to this conviction, that the authors of our Constitution have conferred on our Legislative Council a power which has been wisely withheld from the House of Lords. Though wealth does not always confer refinement, it confers that kind of independence which ought to characterize a popularly constituted body. Now it does not require much acuteness to perceive, that this quality is far less conspicuous in our Assembly than in our Council. Several of the leading members of the Assembly are either partly dependent on Government in their means of subsistence, or of such limited fortune and precarious prospects, that they cannot afford to dislodge government. If then anything human should happen to them, if they should be easily swayed by men in power to vote away the public money to an unwarrantable amount and for purposes of questionable utility, it is highly desirable that there should be another body, equally popular in its origin, less numerous, but consisting of men of independent fortune, on whom devolves the duty of revising the decisions of the Assembly.

The amendments of the Council are only suggestions to the Assembly to reconsider certain details of their decisions, and if the Assembly were conscious of its real position with regard to the Council, instead of being puffed up with its imaginary resemblance to the House of Commons of the Imperial Parliament, it would receive the suggestions of the Council in a spirit of candor, and would admit, that without allowing itself to be dictated by the other House, it could afford to yield a point or correct an oversight. Should the views of both Houses be at any time irreconcilable, then of course dissolution is the only remedy—a remedy far less formidable than it appears to some persons; but from which we would hardly expect beneficial results so long as our elective franchise remains what it is.

APPOINTMENTS.—H. Mosenthal, esq., to issue passes and attest contracts of service with natives.

Mr. S. J. Schoeman, as assist. fieldcornet of the ward Cango, division of Oudtshoorn.

Mr. A. J. Joubert, as fieldcornet of the ward Buffelsvallei, division of Aliwal North.

Staff Surgeon Leet (pro temp.) as district surgeon of Stockenstrom.

L. H. Meurant, esq., as Civil Commissioner and Magistrate of Cradock; C. Haw, esq., as do. of Caledon, and W. T. L. Emmett, esq., as do. of Stockenstrom, and also as Justice of the Peace for Cape Town and the several country districts.

SEQUESTRATION.—The estate of J. R. Windell. First and final meeting at the Magistrate's office, Grahamstown, on the 27th Aug.

J. E. Lilly.—Do. do. Queenstown, on the 25th July.

C. J. Nelson, J. W. S.—Do. do. on the 27th July.

E. Kelly.—First and second meetings at do., Cradock, on the 30th July and 6th August.

BREDASDORP.—Mr. H. W. van Breda, has been elected as member of the Divisional Council for district No. 4.

CHEAP MEAT COMPANY.—The adjourned meeting took place at the Town House on Saturday last, and was largely attended. The provisional committee submitted a number of resolutions, which will have the effect of securing the object in view. These were unanimously adopted. The company is to consist of 20,000 shares of £1 each, payable at the time of subscribing. No shareholder to have more than ten shares in his own right. As soon as 5000 shares are paid up operations shall be commenced. The company may enter into arrangements with existing butchers, if these shall undertake to supply meat at a reasonable rate, or otherwise open its own shambles to the public generally.

The present provisional committee were authorized to receive subscriptions, and the meeting resolved that the lists shall remain open till Monday next, the 18th instant.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.—On Tuesday last a meeting of the general committee was held, when it was resolved to give £25 to each of the 12 societies in the western province, leaving the balance of the parliamentary grant in the hands of the parent society for general purposes. The society in whose district the annual meeting is held, will not obtain this aid, however; and every society will have to furnish an annual report to the parent society. The secretary was instructed to write to Worcester, Caledon and Swellendam, with the view of ascertaining what accommodation can be afforded for holding exhibitions.

CORPS OF SAPPERS AND MINERS.—Mr. Scott Tucker has, jointly with several other gentlemen, connected with the engineering profession, offered to place their leisure time at the service of the government, with the view of forming a corps of sappers and miners, in connection with the volunteer corps of artillery, cavalry and infantry. His Excellency the Governor has accepted of that offer, and promised to give the proposed corps every assistance in his power.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.—The convict Smith nearly succeeded in effecting his escape from the city gaol on Thursday evening. By the aid of a watch spring he had almost severed one of the bars of his cell, when he was discovered and secured.

The man Kent is still at large. On Friday a man, supposed to be him, was brought up from Stellenbosch, but he turned out to be a deserter from the 59th Regt.

FIRE AT PORT ELIZABETH.—On Sunday morning the 4th instant, a fire broke out in the carpenter's shop of Messrs. Abbet and James, which, together with the adjoining house, was soon destroyed, together with all their contents. A wooden store on the opposite side also caught fire, but was fortunately saved. The fire is suspected to have been the work of some Hottentot vagabonds.

QUEEN'S TOWN.—DOUBLY BRUTAL MURDER.—On Friday last information was received in town of the mysterious disappearance of two little slave boys on the Sunday previous. From the statement of the father it appears that on that day, as usual, they were sent into the field to look after the goats. Not returning through the day for food, the parents became alarmed, and towards the dusk of evening the latter and a number of colored men started to search for them. They came upon the dead carcass of a buck, close to where the children were last seen playing, evidently killed from having had its neck twisted till it broke. About five hundred yards from the buck, the body of the eldest boy was found, his head battered to a mummy as if with a heavy hand and a large stone; one fracture in the skull was large enough to lay two knuckles in it. Taking a curve at about five hundred yards from the elder, the body of the younger was found, presenting the appearance of having been first strangled, and then the neck twisted to make sure of death. From the positions in which the bodies were found—lying about equal distances from each other in a triangular direction it is thought probable that the children must have seen their murderer killing the goat, and upon remonstrating with him, to have fled in opposite directions; that the murderer, whoever he is, chased the elder to dispatch him first, and afterwards the younger a little further on. We understand that the little boy's whip was found in the possession of a Kaffir, upon whose information, another Kaffir, has been taken up on suspicion, and both lodged in gaol.

We also hear that a short time back a Dutchman was shot by a Kaffir in the Stormberg, but have not heard the particulars.—*Free Press*.

KRELI AND FADANA'S COUNTRY.—It has been reported to us that it is the intention of Government to locate Adam Kok and the Griquas in the vacant country taken from Kreli and Fadana, and previous to doing so we heard Adam Kok and a large hunting party are about to visit the district, we presume for the purpose of ascertaining whether the land will suit them. We forbear making any comment on this until its correctness is fully established.—*Free Press*.

GRAAFF-REINET.—The loss of sheep in this neighbourhood has been exceedingly heavy during the last twelve months, especially among the small farmers. From a return now lying before us we find that nine farmers along the Caledon river, who possessed among them 12,300 sheep, had their flocks decreased by 6,330. We give the return furnished us in a tabular form, merely omitting the names of the farmers:

Original Flock.	Present Flock.	Loss.
1,900	490	800
1,700	800	900
1,500	550	950
700	120	580
1,100	800	300
1,700	1,300	400
1,900	800	1,100
1,400	700	700
1,100	500	600
12,300	6,060	6,230

We may add, our informant has himself lost 1,000 sheep out of his flock during the same period. From other information it appears that our large farmers have not suffered in anything like this proportion. This is a fortunate circumstance, and an inquiry into the reason of the difference would be extremely useful as tending to prevent in future such disastrous losses. The rains in the Camdeboo and Zwarte Ruggens have been but partial and very inadequate.—*Griffith Reinet Herald*.

MIDDELBURG.—28th June, 1859.—This afternoon a Kaffir was shot near the town by a young Boer, named Schoombe. It seems this young man, a son of William Schoombe, brought in a letter from his father, to the Magistrate, complaining of the conduct of some Kaffirs on his farm. According to his statement, these men when scolded for some neglect, were insolent, and even attempted to

assault their master, and subsequently fled from the farm. In consequence of this report, the Magistrate sent three of the mounted policemen with young Schoombe to apprehend the men. On the road they met the Kaffirs coming to the village, and seeing them the mounted policemen dismounted in order to load their guns; on this the Kaffirs took the alarm, and fled, while one of them, who was near the spot, snatched the gun out of a policeman's hand, young Schoombe called out "here goes the Kaffir with the gun, what shall I do?" The policeman cried out "shoot!" The young man did so, and killed the Kaffir on the spot.

It is a most unfortunate occurrence, as there can be no doubt that the Kaffir in snatching the gun meant no harm, he acted in a paroxysm of terror, and while under the impression that his own life was aimed at. This affair affords another proof of how very unsafe it is to employ ignorant colored men as mounted police, and to go roaming about the country armed, without any person in charge. There is not the slightest shadow of doubt on any person's mind, acquainted with the circumstance, that had a man of ordinary prudence been present, the Kaffir's life would not have been sacrificed.

The Kaffirs were travelling quietly along the high road to Middelburg, in their turn to lodge a complaint with the Magistrate against their master, of assault and attempting to shoot them; and it is quite possible that they after all, were the aggrieved parties. The strange conduct of the deceased was probably caused by uncalled for threats &c., on the part of the constable. This is not the first time that the police here have been guilty of serious indiscretion, to say the least of it. On a former occasion on the farm of Mr. Andries Schoombe, one of them without provocation, fired a bullet through a Kaffir hut, to the great alarm of all the natives about. Conduct such as this, tends only further to complicate our relations with the Kaffirs, and will in the end cause some very serious disturbance. Treat them if you will, with the strictest, even the most rigorous justice, but let them be at all events accused of some crime before their lives are threatened and even sacrificed.

As for the police, when sent out on duty, they are utterly without any control, and it can only be expected that they should use the power entrusted to them, in an improper manner. Government should look to this, or we shall hear of more murders on the part of the Kaffirs and of unauthorized violence on the part of those who are supposed to execute the law.—*Griffith Reinet Herald*.

HOPETOWN, 24TH JUNE 1859.—I believe I mentioned in my last communication that reports were afloat that the small-pox had broken out at Jackalls Fontein, in the Division of Colesberg, and that we had sent our District Surgeon to ascertain if the disease had spread into this Division. Well, I am happy to inform you that the disease was confined entirely to Jackalls Fontein, and one or two farms on the Colesberg side, and as far as he could learn not a single case had occurred within this Division. He reported that out of the two families residing at Jackalls Fontein, viz. Jno. du Prez and Wm. Venter, consisting of 18 persons, 16 were sick and some not likely to recover. I am not so much surprised at this, as the residents on this farm are noted for being the most filthy of any in the whole Division, as your correspondent knows to his sorrow.—*Ib.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6.—The report of the select committee on the subject of a daily post from Capetown to Grahamstown, was brought up, stating that it was not expedient to recommend the Bill be re-committed, which was agreed to.

Council having therupon gone into committee, the several items previously reduced, were, upon the motion of Mr. Barry, restored to their original amount.

The Bill was then reported, read a third time and passed.

Messrs. de Wet, Jarvis and Wicht remained steadfast in their opposition. They repudiated any factious motives—they had been sent to the Council to guard the interests of their constituents, so that they should not be unnecessarily or too severely taxed. With a largely deficient revenue staring them in the face, they were bound to practice economy, and they maintained that by the reductions which had been made no impediment would be thrown in the way of government; on the contrary, the sums which they had voted were quite sufficient to answer all purposes.—They had their votes recorded as having voted in the minority.

The Bill for supplying a sum of £117,639 to the services of 1850 was read a third time and passed.

The report of the committee on the Bill for the better administration of justice, was agreed to.

The amendments made by the Assembly in the Forests Bill were agreed to.

THURSDAY, 7TH.—A letter was read from the Col. Secretary, informing the Council that Parliament would be prorogued on Friday at noon.

The committee on the petitions of Messrs. O. M. Bergh and A. W. Beck, brought up their report, suggesting to renew the inquiry during the next session.

On the motion of Mr. Barry, the message of the Assembly, with reference to the Immigration Bill, was taken into consideration. Mr. Stein moved, that the insertion of the 5th clause (authorizing the introduction of juveniles) be not further insisted upon, to which Mr. Wicht moved as an amendment—that in the opinion of this Council no further action be taken in the matter. After discussion, Mr. Wicht's amendment was negatived, and Mr. Stein's motion carried by the casting vote of the President.

Five messages were received from the Governor, stating that he will take into consideration the reports of the committee on the road between Wellington and Lichtenburg,—on the petitions of the inhabitants of Montagu for a magistrate and for the opening of Cogmans Kloof, and on the Main Road and Tolls Bill, and thanking the Council for the information obtained through the committee on the Water Supply Bill.

The Council resolved itself into committee to consider the message of the Assembly relative to the Crown Lands Bill. Some of the amendments proposed by the Assembly were agreed to, but a discussion arising on others, Mr. Wicht withdrew and left the Council without a quorum. Whereupon the President resumed the chair and declared the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock on Friday.

they may be laid before the colonial Parliament at its next meeting.

114. As it has been judged preferable that the works be undertaken, harbour of refuge should not be entered until the plans on which it is to be constructed have been laid before you, measures have been taken for securing the preparation of these plans and the accompanying estimates with delay, and for having all matters placed in such a state of readiness that the works can be at once commenced when their execution has received your sanction.

12. I trust (and in expressing these feelings I know I shall secure your entire sympathy and concurrence) that the present threatening state of affairs in Europe may exert no evil influence upon the interests of South Africa, and that, by God's blessing, our own country may long be enabled to abstain from engaging in the European war which has so recently burst forth. But should Great Britain, unhappy, be compelled to take an active part in the existing contest, it is gratifying to know that in no part of her Majesty's possessions are her subjects animated by a more devoted loyalty, or by a more earnest desire, by every means in their power, to protect her Majesty's honor and interests than we are.

13. I now, in her Majesty's name, prologue this Parliament of her Majesty's settlement of the Cape of Good Hope to Wednesday, the 10th day of August next, and it is hereby prorogued accordingly.

NEUTRALITY OF ENGLAND IN THE PRESENT WAR.

To a nation really determined on observing a strict neutrality as long as it is permitted to do so there appears to be something almost ridiculous in solemnly proclaiming that neutrality to the world. The presumption is altogether in favour of neutrality. The natural condition of mankind is, we venture to think, with much deference to Thomas Hobbes, of Malmesbury, one rather of peace than of war; and there seems nothing superfluous in announcing to all the world, that being now at peace with itself, it is our intention to continue at peace. There is something rather Irish in the supposition which a proclamation of neutrality implies, that because two States with which we are on terms of friendship go to war the world will naturally conclude that we must fight on the one side or the other, simply for the sake of company and good fellowship. Happily, the laws which regulate the conduct of nations to each other are not founded on the maxims of Donnybrook Fair, and we may, without a stain upon our honor, remain tranquil spectators of the conflict which has burst forth in the South of Europe, just as the Romans watched the combats of gladiators, which formed the choicest amusement of their days of festival and recreation. Still, however, we are glad to see a formal declaration of neutrality, to find that expressed in words which every one wished to be carried out in act, and to know that Lord Derby will not employ the momentary dictatorship, with which he has, by the dissolution of Parliament invested himself, in any scheme which should give foreign nations the least reason to doubt of our perfect fairness and impartiality. If our wishes could control our fate, this war, let it last as long and be extended over as great a surface as it may, would light up, burn down, smoulder, and become extinct without involving us in its fiery grasp. But alas! wishes go for very little in these matters, and we must not delude ourselves that many circumstances may happen which would plunge us, however much against our will, into the boiling vortex on the brink of which we stand.

These are not days in which war can be regarded merely as a simple and single disease of the body politic—a peculiar human apt to seize upon nations inflamed by the luxury of a long peace, and which easily yields to treatment after it has been reduced by a loss of a little blood. War, in the times in which we live, is sure to be complicated with many other disorders. Indeed, we might say that it has become more dreadful in its collateral than in its direct effects. War is now a matter of opinion, of nationalities, of revolutions. Dreadful as it is to consider that during the next three weeks thirty or forty thousand human beings are probably destined to perish, to gratify the ambition of one man and the obstinacy of another, it is still more fearful to contemplate the reverberations which the noise of this great conflict must raise in every part of the world. Germany, like us, is neutral, but while so much is said about circumscribing the war within the limits of Italy, who can assure us that the Emperor of the French will be allowed to obtain so desirable a result? Already the smaller States of Germany.—Wurttemberg, Bavaria and Hanover,—show in the most unmistakable manner their belief that the blow which has been levelled at Austria is quite as much to their advantage as to hers. There is a most unusual promptitude of warlike preparation. In that most unwieldy body the German Confederation, the whole country resounds with the preparations for war, and Prussia, which temporized for so many years with Republics and Consular France, and actually sent Haig to congratulate Napoleon on the victory of Austerlitz, so far as herself to her, is now making every preparation for entering as a principal into the contest, and has made the following remarkable declaration by the mouth of her Prince Regent:—Prussia is determined to maintain the ambition of one man and the obstinacy of another, it is still more fearful to contemplate the reverberations which the noise of this great conflict must raise in every part of the world. Will she be proof against the temptation, and still we prepared to stand by and see that conquest achieved in 1856 which we suffered so much to revert in 1854 and 1855? In the meanwhile Austria dismisses her Minister, and exchanges Count Buol, a man made after the fashion of our Lord Melbourne for Count Richberg, a statesman as absolute and obstinate as Stafford. This is a step which certainly is not to be regarded as a proof of any vacillation in her counsels, or wish to draw back from the bold career to which she has committed herself. The Emperor of the French also changes his Ministers. New times are found to require new men, and the rush of events carries us all along with it.

We are already far from our point of departure, but yet further we may reasonably fear from the gaol at which we are destined to arrive. Of course, our policy, so long as events leave it to our guidance, is perfectly clear and intelligible. We seek for peace, and are prepared

NEW STYLE LONDON MADE Gold Jewelry.

RECEIVED per Steamer *Dana*, a large assortment of the above, in a great variety of articles of every description, particularly a few very elegant
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Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Friday, 15th July, 1859,

At 10 o'clock in the Forenoon,
In the Bank Premises.

for the purpose of receiving from the Directors a General Statement and Report of the affairs of the Bank to the 30th June 1859,—to declare the amount to Dividend,—and to elect two Directors in the room of Messrs. MELT VAN DER SPUY, Esq., and A. J. Louw, J. W., who retire.

By order of the Directors,

B. P. du PLESSIS, Cashier.

W. P. Bank, Paarl, June 9, 1859.
(For the names of Shareholders eligible as Directors, see Dutch.)

Notice of Removal.

JONATHAN,

HAIR DRESSER, &c., &c.

BEGS to notify his Removal to No. 2, GRAVESTREET, next door to Mrs. DANIEL, and opposite Mr. W. BOYD, Boot and Shoe Warehouse.

WAGONWOOD, AUSTRALIAN MOHOGANY, &c., &c.

The Entire Cargo of the "FLIBBERTY," from Plettenberg's Bay.

Will be sold, by Mr. R. D. JONES,

This Day, (Monday) 11th inst.,
AT HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK,

AT THE SOUTH WHARF,

CONSISTING OF:

456 LEERBOOMS	3220 SHORT SPOKES
628 AXLES	126 AFTER TONGS
492 SCHAMELS	1649 FELLIES
268 DISSELBOOMS	182 H. W. TONGS
167 DRAAIBOARDS	10 FÖRE do.
621 NAVES	117 STINKWOOD PLANKS
2870 LONG SPOKES	2 Do. LOGS.

AT THE SAME TIME WILL BE SOLD:
67 Logs of Australian Mahogany,
1986 do. Fellies.

THOMSON, WATSON, & Co.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. WALLACH begs to inform the Inhabitants of Wellington and the Farmers of the surrounding districts, that he has opened a STORE at WELLINGTON,

The Stock will comprise the usual assortments of a COUNTRY STORE.

Wool, Skins, and every description of Produce bought for Cash.

M. WALLACH, CHURCH STREET,
WELLINGTON, AND CRESSES.

REPORT of the DIRECTORS of the MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the CAPE of GOOD HOPE, at the 14th Annual General Meeting of Members, held in the South Wing of the Commercial Exchange, on Monday, the 4th of July, 1859.

ON submitting the 14th Annual Report of this Society, the Directors have to congratulate the Members on the large addition to their numbers during the year ending 31st May, 1859. 143 New Policies have been issued, the Annual Premiums of which amount to £2211 13s. 3d. The Sum assured being £201,000. The Policies issued during the Three Years, immediately preceding the last, were respectively 89, 78, and 94 in number. It is thus evident that the Institution continues to enjoy the confidence of the Public; and that the experience of 14 Years has sufficiently tested the soundness of the principles on which it was founded.

The number of Members on the 31st May, 1859, was 1078. The amount assured was £652,009. The amount of Life Premiums received during the Year, May, 1859, was £16,599 4s. 8d.; and the total income, including Interest on Investments, was £24,510 3s. 3d.

Considering the Society as now firmly established, with the prospect of indefinite extension, the Directors have thought it expedient to secure permanent accommodation for the Establishment, where everything suitable for the transaction of business may be provided without the risk of alteration or removal at the discretion of others. Being authorised to take this step by the provisions of the Trust Deed, and having ascertained that certain premises in St. George's street, late the property of Mr. J. C. MOLTRANO, a situation is every respect well suited for the purpose of the Institution, were for Sale, they made the Purchase for a sum of Three Thousand Pounds Sterling.

Arrangements are in progress for making the necessary alterations, prior to removal of the Society's Office to the new premises; and the Directors hope that the next Annual Meeting will be held in them.

The claims on Policies becoming due by the death of Members, have been 13 in number during this year, or about 13 per Cent. of the lives assured. The payments in respect of these Policies amounted to £9,524 1s. 9d.

The Directors have to express their regret that in two cases, loss has been sustained by the Society's funds, otherwise than by the payment of claims for Policies. One of them was a loss of £279 4s. 8d., by the insolvency of their former agent at Port Elizabeth, which occurred in 1855, but the loss could not be written off till this year, when the Estate was closed. The other was a deficiency on a Mortgage Bond to the extent of £12 9s. 3d.; these have been the only cases of loss from either of these causes, since the Society's establishment.

On this occasion, according to the Trust Deed, the fourth declaration of profits is to be made. It will amount to 3 per Cent. per Annum for the three years which have elapsed, since the last declaration in 1856.

To all whom it may concern.

WHEREAS there is a considerable amount of arrears of Schoolmoney due to me from parents, whose children have been long ago removed from my classes, I give notice, that by the first of August next, all such claims will be put in the hands of an Attorney, with instructions to take such steps as he shall deem advisable.

A. N. E. CHANGUION.

To the Inhabitants of Wellington, Wagonmakers Valley, Groenberg and its vicinity.

THE Undersigned takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks for their kind and liberal support during his stay in Wellington for the last two years, and he now begs to inform them that he intends to carry on his business on a larger scale than heretofore, at 54 Church Street, Cape Town, as White Smith and Bell Hanger.

Also, Hot Plates, Wine Pumps, Brand Irons, and every description of Ironwork, suitable for Wine Farmers &c., will be furnished by him at the lowest possible price, and with despatch, and also forwarded opportunity may offer.

ALEXANDER G. TOHILL,

54, Church Street.

July 5, 1859.

A. G. TOHILL,

White Smith and Bell Hanger,

BEGS to inform his Friends and the Public in general, that he has taken over those well-known Premises in Church Street, situated between Loop and Long Streets, generally known as the large 54, where he intends carrying on his Business as General House Smith, comprising Hot Plates, of the newest plan, Locks and Bells, Iron Railings Work, Pumps for Farmers and Domestic use.

Notice to Creditors and Debtors.

In the Intestate Estate of the late WILLEM PHILIPPIUS DOMAN, Ws., of the division of Plettenberg.

ALL Persons having any claims against the above Estate, are required to file the same with the undersigned, within the space of six weeks from this date, and those indebted thereto, to pay their debts within the aforesaid period.

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