

The following order was served on Mr. Pearse, Acting Surveyor General:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
House of Assembly, Oct. 27th, 1863. }

SIR—You are required by the Committee on Crown Lands to forthwith produce a map of the Colony, and official maps of the different Districts.

(Signed), JAMES TRIMBLE, Chairman.
B. W. Pearse, Esq., Acting Surveyor General.

The following letter was received from B. W. Pearse, Esq., Acting Surveyor General:

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
October 27th, 1863. }

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of order of this date, and to state that without instructions from H. E. the Governor, I have no power to produce the books and documents belonging to this department. I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed), B. W. PEARSE, Acting Surveyor General.

The Chairman of the Select Committee.

Resolved—That the refusal of the Acting Surveyor General, Mr. W. B. Pearse, to produce maps required by the order of this Committee on Crown Lands, be reported to the House.

Oct. 27, 1863. (Signed), JAMES TRIMBLE.

Resolved—That Mr. B. W. Pearse having failed to return to complete his evidence before the Crown Lands Committee, the same be reported to the House.

(Signed), JAMES DUNCAN.

The Committee then adjourned. (Signed), JAMES TRIMBLE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, October 31, 1863.—The Committee met this day, at 1 p. m. Present, Dr. Trimble, (in the chair), Col. Foster, Dr. Tolmie, Messrs. Ridge, De Cosmos.

Resolved—That power be asked of the House to enable the Committee on Crown Lands to adjourn from time to time, and place to place.

The Committee then adjourned to Tuesday next, subject to the arrival of the mail.

(Signed), JAMES TRIMBLE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 3, 1863.—The following members met at 1 p. m. Present, Messrs. Duncan, De Cosmos, C. Ridge. Absent, Dr. Trimble, Col. Foster, Dr. Tolmie, consequently there was no quorum.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 4, 1863.—Present, Dr. Trimble, (in the chair), Dr. Tolmie, Messrs. De Cosmos, Ridge, Duncan. Absent, Col. Foster, Mr. Burnaby, (on leave).

Resolved—That the Committee do adjourn to the Land and Works office.

The Committee adjourned accordingly, and put the following questions to the Acting Surveyor General:

By Committee.

What is the approximate length of the Island?—About 295 miles.

What is the mean breadth of the Island?—About 35 miles.

What is the total area in square miles?—10,500 miles.

What is the total number of acres?—Six millions, seven hundred and twenty thousand.

It was moved and carried that a copy of the following questions be furnished to Mr. Pearse, Acting Surveyor General.

How many acres of land are sold in each surveyed District? naming the district.

How many acres pre-empted in each surveyed District? naming the district.

How many acres unsold and unpre-empted in each surveyed District? naming the district.

How many Reserves in each surveyed District? naming district and what reserves are for, and their extent each.

What is the extent of each District? naming district.

What is the extent of lands pre-empted, which are unsurveyed, and where located?

What number of Reserves are unsurveyed land, their extent and purpose?

What is the area in acres and miles of land in this Colony, not pre-empted sold or reserved?

What is the character and quality of land, unpre-empted or unsold in each District?

What is the character and quality of the remaining Public Lands unsold and unpre-empted throughout the Island? stating the probable quantity of agricultural land, timber land, coal fields, or any other particulars, giving a tangible value?

What pre-empted lands supposed to be forfeited?

The Committee then adjourned to to-morrow at 1 p. m., subject to arrival of the mail.

(Signed), JAMES TRIMBLE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 5, 1863.—Present, Messrs. Ridge, De Cosmos. Absent, Dr. Trimble, Col. Foster, Dr. Tolmie, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Burnaby, (on leave). No quorum.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 6, 1863.—Absent, Col. Foster, Mr. Ridge, Mr. De Cosmos, Mr. Burnaby, (on leave). Present, Dr. Trimble, (in the chair), Dr. Tolmie, Mr. Duncan. No quorum.

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 9, 1863.—There was no meeting on this day, it being the anniversary of the birth of H. B. H. The Prince of Wales.