

which I then alluded to be laid before you ; and that you may be assured that when I receive any authentic information from Her Majesty's Government, on that important question, it shall be immediately communicated to the Legislature.

The other matters which I brought under your notice, will, I have no doubt, in due time command your best consideration.

Government House,  
12th December, 1860. }

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

On motion of the Hon. COLONIAL SECRETARY, seconded by the Hon. E. D. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the House do, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the state of the Colony to consider the following Resolutions :—

Resolutions for Committee  
of the Whole on state of  
the Colony.

*Whereas*,—The House has learned, upon the most reliable authority, that at this period considerable distress prevails amongst the population in most parts of the colony—distress far beyond the ordinary extent, and which has been occasioned by the short fishery, an extensive failure of the crops, and the prevalence of various diseases during the present year : And Whereas, the annual Legislative vote for the relief of the Poor has been found quite insufficient to meet the extraordinary demand arising from these causes, and has already been exceeded, and it is indispensable, in order to prevent greater suffering, that means should be immediately provided for the support and succour of the destitute .

*Therefore Resolved*,—That the Executive be authorized to expend such amounts as may from time to time be shewn to be necessary for this object, in anticipation of the annual grant which this House will in due course place at their disposal.

*Resolved*,—That this Resolution be sent to the Hon. Legislative Council for their concurrence.

Committee on state of the  
Colony made 1st order of  
the day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on the state of the Colony stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

*Ordered*,—That the second reading of the Bill to amend the Carbon near Street Act stand second on the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. WINTER, seconded by Mr. WARREN,