

Petition read accordingly.

Hon. Mr. Orr moved that this Petition be transmitted to His Excellency.

Hon. Mr. Homer moved as an amendment that it be considered this day six months.

On the amendment being put, the Council divided,

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1.

So it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Hon. Mr. Black presented the Petition of George Tranfield.

*Ordered*, To be received and read.

Read accordingly.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Black,

*Ordered*, To be laid before His Excellency for consideration, and for him to deal with as the justice of the case may call for.

The Hon. Mr. Orr moved the following Resolution,

The Hon. Mr. Black seconding:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Council, representing as it does the unanimous voice of the people of this Colony, the union of British Columbia with Vancouver Island would be detrimental to the best interests of both; and that His Excellency be requested to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

On the question being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook moved the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Governor be respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of fixing a new site for public buildings at Lillooet.

On the question being put, it was carried *nem. con.*

The Hon. Mr. Black's motion withdrawn by permission of the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That whereas certain reservations in the valley of Chilwayhook and elsewhere throughout the Colony are being made for the benefit of the Indians, and whereas said reservations are considered to be unnecessarily large (10 acres to each family), and in several instances including lands already pre-empted and improved by actual settlers, thereby seriously interfering with the development of the agricultural resources of the Colony; be it resolved that His Excellency be respectfully requested to give the matter his consideration at as early a date as convenient, in order to avoid difficulties between the Settlers and the Indians.

On the question being put, it was carried *nem. con.*

The Hon. Mr. Smith moved the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, That His Excellency be respectfully requested to consider the growing necessity of appointing a Gold Commissioner and Stipendiary Magistrate for the Shuswap and Similkameen Country.

On the question being put, it was carried *nem. con.*

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Naval and Military Settlers' Relief Bill,

*Ordered*, To be read second time and committed forthwith.

Read accordingly second time.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Orr in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through without amendments.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

*Ordered*, To be read third time at once.

Read third time accordingly.

Then, on the motion of The Hon. The Attorney General,

*Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Naval and Military Settlers' Relief Ordinance, 1864."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Bank Note Bill,

On the motion of The Hon. Mr. Crease,

*Ordered*, That the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended, to enable the Customs Amendment Bill to be read first, second, and third times, and passed this day, and that the Order of the day just now read do stand as the next Order after Customs Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for the Customs Amendment Bill, and that it now be read the first time.

Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read the second time, and committed forthwith.

Read second time accordingly.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.