

Treasurer reported purchase of Hume & Scudellott's History

Resolved. That the Clerk be requested to order the following papers through Mr Stevens News agent Al. Cl. viz Australasian, Adelaide, Observer & Sydney Mail.

Resolved. That the thanks of this committee be given to the Members of the Legislature who waited on the Government with Mr Montgomery relative to obtaining a grant of money in consideration of opening the Reading Room free of charge.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of March 1867. E. Bishop Chairman

Wednesday 5 Dec 1866

No Quorum present

Treasurer
Secretary
Mr Preston

Wednesday 2 Jan'y 1867

No Meeting

Wednesday 6 Feb'y 1867

No Quorum present, but Bills amounting to £21.3.0 recommended for payment by the four members of Committee present Messrs E. B. Bishop, Daymond, Preston & the self.

Wednesday 6 March 1867

Monthly Meeting

Present: the Vice President in the Chair
Mr Preston
Mr Powell
Mr Wood
Mr Farr
& the Secretary
Mr Commander

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The following bills were ordered to be paid viz: Hawks 5/- Daymond 12/-

Montgomery £3.0.0 News £1.10.0 (Newspost) £8.8.0

Resolved. That this committee approve of the payment of £21.3.0 for sundry Bills recommended for payment by the four members of Committee present on 6 Feb'y 1867.

Treasurer read a letter addressed by him to the Provincial Secretary as to the proposed grant to the Institute, and stated that he had seen the Provincial Secretary on the subject.

Resolved. That as this committee understood on entering into a negotiation with the Government that any grant which would be proposed by the Government as a consideration for opening the Reading Room free to the public, would be an annual one this committee cannot accept any grant for that purpose with the understanding that the Government will not be prepared to support it annually.

Resolved. That a copy of the last Resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary by the Secretary.

Read and confirmed this 3rd day of April 1867. E. Bishop Chairman

15th March 1867

Special Meeting

Present: Mr L. B. Bishop in the Chair
Mr Hawkes
Mr Willmott
Mr Farr
Mr Holmes
Mr Daymond
and the Secretary
Mr Preston
Mr Commander

The Secretary read a letter from the Provincial Secretary stating that the Government could not ask the Provincial Council to vote annually a large sum of money for the limited advantages which the opening of the Reading Room would afford to the Public

Resolved. That a sub-committee be appointed to wait upon the Provincial Secretary to ascertain if the Provincial Government would enter