not clear, when they found in one clause that
the Government should have power to appoint
an agent, and then they told that the Govern-
ment would send home the Colonial Treasurer.
It had been remarked that, when Mr. Verdon
went home from Victoria, he was Colonial
Treasurer, and that the Colonial Treasurer
of New Zealand had gone home in that capa-
city. That was not the case. The latter
gentleman had gone home as financial agent,
and the former as agent for the colony. The
House should hesitate before passing the
Bill, and he hoped that all honorable mem-
ers present would offer their opinions upon
it before the second reading.
Question put and passed.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
Wednesday, 14 August, 1872.

Annexation of Coast Islands.

ANNEXATION OF COAST ISLANDS.
The Colonial Secretary moved—
1. That, in the opinion of this House, it is
desirable that the islands lying within sixty miles
of the coasts of the colony of Queensland, should
be annexed to, and become part of, the said colony.
2. That an Address be presented to the Go-
verno, praying that His Excellency will be pleased
to exercise the powers in that behalf conferred on
him by the Letters Patent of date 30th May, 1872,
laid upon the table of this House, by command,
on the 12th instant.

In bringing forward this motion, he said that honorable members who had directed their
attention to the despatch which he laid on
the table a few days since, would see that the
Home Government had given the Governor of
to lease, as they had done for some years past,
Neine Island, which lay off the extreme north-
east of this colony; and they had, of course,
received a certain rent for it all that time.

It would, therefore, be seen that it would be
to the interest of the colony that the power
which had been conferred upon the Governor
by the Home Government to annex those islands should be exercised, and that the
jurisdiction of the colony should extend
beyond three miles of the coast line, which
was the present limit. There were no large
islands, such as would be likely to involve
much expense in their management. They
were principally small islands which this
colony had been in the habit of claiming a
right over, although they really, up to the
present time, belonged to New South Wales.

The motion was agreed to.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
Thursday, 15 August, 1872.

Despatch of Business.—Homestead Areas Bill.—Treasury
Bills Consolidation Bill.

DESPATCH OF BUSINESS.
Upon the motion of the Postmaster-General,
who informed the House that the neces-
sity was likely to arise for another sitting
day, and that he trusted next week would
end their labors, the following resolution
was passed unopposed:—
That this Council do meet for despatch of
business on Monday next, in addition to the
days already named in the resolution of the 24th
July.

HOMESTEAD AREAS BILL.
The Postmaster-General said that yesterday,
when the resolutions for the resumption of
lands from runs in the settled districts
came up from the Assembly, with which reso-
lutions the Homestead Areas Bill was ma-
tially linked, their consideration was put off
until to-morrow, though he had desired that
the House should take them into considera-
tion, to-day, with the Bill. However, honor-
able gentlemen had thought it best to consider
the resolutions after the Bill which he now
brought forward for the second reading,
namely, "a Bill for the establishment of
Homestead Areas and Immigrants' Selections,
and to amend the Crown Lands Alienation
Act of 1868." They were all aware that by
the tenth clause of the Crown Lands Alie-