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MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :

The business of the Session being now brought to a close, I am happy to be able to release you from further attendance on your arduous and important duties. I am sensible of the sacrifice which many of you have made in being absent at the present season from the Districts in which you reside. I trust that circumstances may not again arise to make it necessary for you to meet at so inconvenient a period of the year.

2. It will be my duty to forward without delay to Her Majesty's Government your Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, stating your willingness to provide for the whole cost of the Government of the Colony whether Civil or Military, (the salary of the Governor General only excepted) and to grant an adequate Civil List, upon the surrender to the Colonial Legislature of the entire management of all the Colonial Revenues, Territorial as well as General, and upon the establishment of a Constitution similar in its outline to that of Canada.

3. Your Address to me embodying the Resolutions passed by the Council against the continuance of Transportation to any part of Her Majesty's Australian Possessions has been already in compliance with your request transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. Since the presentation of that Address I have had the satisfaction to receive and to lay before you the Order of Her Majesty in Council rescinding that which appointed this Colony one of the places to which Criminals might be transported.

4. In consequence of the refusal of the Council to vote any increase of expenditure rendered necessary by the Gold Discovery, I have considered it my duty in order to prevent the public inconvenience which would have arisen from any sudden reduction under present circumstances of the number or pay of the Constabulary Force and of other persons holding subordinate situations under the Government, to assume the responsibility, pending the receipt of definite instructions on the subject from Her Majesty's Government, of ordering this expenditure to be borne on the Territorial Revenue.

5. I will lose no time in transmitting to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State a copy of your Address to me urging the continuance of immigration at the public expense and the raising of an additional loan for the purpose by the issue of Debentures secured on the Territorial Revenue. In the full expectation that, under the peculiar circumstances in which this Colony is now placed in respect to the supply of labour, Her Majesty's Government will see fit to sanction the measure, I have already, in compliance with the recommendation of the Council, raised upon favorable terms the sum of Sixty nine thousand six hundred Pounds for

this object, and it is my intention to raise a further sum of about Thirty thousand Pounds or One hundred thousand in all. The introduction of immigrants which will be obtained by this means will I trust have the effect of relieving the employers of labour from the injurious consequences which might otherwise be apprehended from the withdrawal from the ordinary industrial pursuits of the Colony of the large portion of labour employed at the Gold Fields.

6. I will not fail to forward by an early opportunity your Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty praying that a branch of the Royal Mint may be established at Sydney.

7. Your other Addresses not specifically noticed herein shall receive every consideration which the subjects of them may appear to render necessary.

8. I have to thank you for the liberality with which you have voted the supplies for the Public Service. You may rely upon my using them with every regard to economy in the public expenditure. I have also to thank you for the Act of Indemnity in respect of certain unauthorized expenses of the Administration of Justice.

9. I now declare this Council to stand prorogued to Tuesday the third day of February next.

CH^s. A. FITZ ROY,

*Legislative Council Chamber,
22 December, 1851.*

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