

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL.

No. 1.

*Council Chamber, 25th August, 1824.*

PRESENT :—

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR THOMAS BRISBANE, GOVERNOR,	
THE CHIEF JUSTICE,	THE PRINCIPAL SURGEON,
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,	THE SURVEYOR GENERAL,

His Excellency the Governor read His Majesty's Royal Warrant dated at Carlton House, the 1st day of December, 1823, appointing William Stewart, Esquire, the Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales, together with the above-named gentlemen, to be Members of Council for New South Wales and its Dependencies; and also a letter from Earl Bathurst, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, dated Downing-street, 19th January, 1824, relating to the said Council.

His Excellency then administered to each of the above named Members, the Oath prescribed by the Act of Parliament, 4th Geo. IV., Cap. 96, sec. 32.

His Excellency then stated to the Council, that William Stewart, Esquire, the Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales, was absent from the Colony, and desired their opinion whether from that circumstance, the Council would, by the terms of the said Act, be prevented from proceeding to the discharge of the duties imposed upon the Council by the Act. The above named Members were unanimously of opinion, that the circumstance of the Lieutenant Governor's absence would not preclude the Council from proceeding to business.

The Governor then was pleased to say that he had nothing further to lay before the Council.