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At a Meeting of Gentlemen assembled at Government House, on the 14th of October, 1843, at the request of the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir EARDLEY EARDLEY WILMOT, His Excellency, after expressing an opinion that the formation of a Botanical and Horticultural Society, having in view likewise the development of the natural resources of the Island of Van Diemen's Land, would be attended with great advantage to the community generally, was pleased to state, that if such a Society were formed upon a plan then proposed by His Excellency, a large portion of the Garden in the Government Domain should be placed at the entire disposal of the Members: and further, that he, the Lieutenant-Governor, would recommend to the Government, that an Annual Grant of Four Hundred Pounds should be made to the Institution, for the purpose of paying its Officers and promoting its objects generally. His Excellency was then requested to take the Chair, and the following Resolutions were moved and carried:—

1st.—That a Society be formed, to be called “THE BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.”

2nd.—That the leading objects of the Society shall be to develop the physical character of the Island, and illustrate its natural history and productions.

3rd.—That the Society shall consist of a President, Twelve Members of Council, a Treasurer, Secretary, and an indefinite number of Fellows.

4th.—That the Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony for the time-being shall be the President.

5th.—That the President shall annually appoint four persons, Members of Council, to act as Vice-Presidents, and to perform his duties during his absence.

6th.—That the President and Council shall have the ordering and management of the Property, Officers, Servants, and affairs of the Society.

7th.—That the President shall nominate and elect as Fellows, such persons as he shall deem fit, until the number shall reach Fifty.

8th.—That when the Society shall consist of Fifty Fellows, the nominations and elections of all persons proposed for admission shall be by ballot, according to the Rules to be hereafter established.

The President then nominated the following Gentlemen to be Fellows of the Society, viz.—

Major H. C. COTTON,	Mr. A. PERRY,
Mr. W. T. N. CHAMP,	J. KERR,
Capt. C. SWANSTON,	G. T. BOYES,
Mr. J. HONE,	As. Com. Gen. FLETCHER
Rev. JOHN LILLIE,	Mr. E. P. BUTLER,
Mr. P. FRASER,	Dr. OFFICER,
J. ALLPORT,	Mr. R. PITCAIRN,
R. KERR,	Capt. FORSTER,
T. HORNE,	Mr. J. E. BICHENO,
J. BARNARD,	J. DUNN,
T. D. CHAPMAN,	J. DUNN, junior,

Dep. Com. Gen. MACLEAN,	Mr. T. G. GREGSON,
Mr. J. BURNETT,	J. BEAMONT,
J. L. BURNETT,	Capt. A. RICE, 51st Regt.
J. BURNETT, jun.	Lieut. SCOTT, do.
Dr. A. TURNBULL,	Mr. T. ANSTEY,
Mr. A. H. MANING,	V. FLEMING,
A. T. MANING,	W. PROCTOR,
R. POWER,	Sir J. L. PEDDER,
W. SORELL,	Mr. W. KERMODE,
R. K. NUTTALL,	J. ABBOTT,
J. ROBERTS,	G. D. HOLCOMBE,
T. WELSH,	J. P. POYNTER,
A. F. KEMP,	J. MILLIGAN.
Capt. F. C. SMITH,	

It was then resolved,—

9th.—That the following Fellows shall constitute the Council until the first Annual Meeting of the Society, viz.—

Sir J. L. PEDDER,	Mr. CHAMP,
Mr. BICHENO,	Major COTTON,
Rev. JOHN LILLIE,	Mr. BOYES,
Capt. SWANSTON,	FRASER,
Mr. HONE,	J. BURNETT, senior,
ALLPORT,	BUTLER.

10th.—That Captain Swanston be the Treasurer of the Society.

11th.—That Mr. Champ be Secretary until the first Annual Meeting.

The President then named the following Members of the Council to act as Vice-Presidents until the first Annual Meeting, viz.—

Sir J. L. PEDDER,	Rev. JOHN LILLIE,
Mr. BICHENO,	Capt. SWANSTON.

*At a General Meeting of the Society, duly convened,
and held at Government House, on Saturday, the
28th of October, 1843, the following*

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIETY

were approved and adopted :—

OF THE FELLOWS.

I.

Every Candidate for admission as a Fellow of the Society shall be proposed and recommended by three Fellows who shall, at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Society, cause to be delivered to the Secretary, a paper signed by themselves, signifying the name, description, and usual place of residence of such person, all which shall be certified by at least one of the recommending Fellows from his personal acquaintance with the Candidate. Every Certificate having been read at one of the Ordinary General Meetings of the Society, shall be hung up in the Meeting Room of the Society, and the person therein recommended shall be balloted for at the next Ordinary General Meeting after such reading.

II.

No person shall be declared duly elected unless three-fourths of the number of Fellows balloting shall vote in his favour.

III.

Persons so elected shall have immediate notice thereof transmitted to them by the Secretary, accompanied by a Copy of the Rules.

IV.

No person shall be deemed a Fellow until his Admission Fee and Contribution for the current year be paid; and if any person elected as a Fellow shall omit to pay the Admission Fee and Annual Contribution within one month after the day of election, such election shall be void.

V.

The Admission Fee shall be Two Pounds; the Annual Contribution One Pound; or the sum of Ten Pounds may be paid as a Composition in lieu of the annual payments for life; but no Fellow elected on or after the first day of October in each year shall pay the Annual Contribution for that year.

VI.

The payment of the Admission Fee shall be considered as distinctly implying the acquiescence of every Fellow elected into the Society in all the Rules and Regulations thereof.

VII.

The Annual Contribution becomes due on the first of January in every year in advance; and if any Fellow shall omit to pay the same before the first of February, such Fellow shall cease to be a Member of the Society: provided nevertheless, that the Council shall have authority to restore him at any time before the first of April following, on payment of arrears; or, if the omission shall have been occasioned by absence of the Fellow from the Colony, then he may be restored at any time within three months after his return, on payment of the Contribution for the current year.

VIII.

Ladies may be admitted as Fellows upon the same

terms, with the same privileges, and under the same Regulations in all respects as Gentlemen.

IX.

Whenever it shall be proposed to remove any Fellow from the Society, the same shall be done by a resolution of Council, which shall be read at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Society, and at the next Ordinary General Meeting, the proposition shall be balloted for, and if three-fourths of the Fellows balloting shall vote for such Fellow's removal, he shall be removed from the Society accordingly.

X.

The Fellows have the right to be present and to vote at all General Meetings, to propose Candidates for admission into the Society, and (under such regulations and restrictions as may from time to time be established) to have personal access to the Garden, Museum, Library, or such other places of a similar nature as may be in the occupation of the Society, as also to introduce, either in person or by signed orders, visitors to the same, according to the Regulations of the Society.

XI.

No Fellow shall be entitled to vote on any occasion until he shall have paid his Subscription for the then current year.

XII.

Ladies who are Fellows of the Society may vote by proxy at all General Meetings, having previously announced to the Secretary, in writing, their appointment of any Gentleman, being a Fellow of the Society, to be their proxy, who shall be registered as such ac-

cordingly, but who shall not be changed within the year, unless in the event of his ceasing to be a Fellow.

XIII.

Officers on full-pay in the Navy or Army may be admitted as Fellows without ballot, and without payment of the Entrance Fee, on sending their names to the Secretary, accompanied by the Annual Subscription for the current year.

OF THE HONORARY MEMBERS.

XIV.

The Honorary Members of the Society shall be persons (not permanent residents in the Colony) who have been eminent benefactors to the Australian Colonies, or distinguished patrons or promoters of the objects of the Society.

XV.

Every person proposed as an Honorary Member shall be recommended by the Council, and be balloted for and elected, and be liable to removal in the like form and manner, and be subject to the same rules and restrictions as Fellows.

XVI.

Honorary Members shall be exempted from the payment of Fees and Contributions; they shall have the privilege of attending the Meetings and visiting the Gardens, Museum, Library, or other similar places open to the Fellows; but they shall not be entitled to vote at the Meetings of the Society, nor enjoy any other rights or privileges than those above-mentioned.

OF THE GENERAL MEETINGS.

XVII.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall

be held at Three o'Clock precisely, on the first Thursday in January in each year. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held at the same hour on the first Thursday in each month, and Special General Meetings may be convened at any time by the President; but no business shall be transacted at any such Meeting, unless seven or more Fellows shall be present.

OF THE COUNCIL.

XVIII.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Society in each year, Four Members of the Council shall retire either voluntarily or in rotation; but in the latter case, shall be eligible for re-election, as hereafter provided.

XIX.

Before the Ordinary General Meeting in December in every year, a List shall be prepared by the Secretary, containing the names of the four retiring Members, and also the names of four Fellows who shall be proposed by the Council for election. This List shall be read at the Ordinary General Meeting in December, and then fixed up in the Meeting Room of the Society until the day of election; and if any six or more Fellows shall desire to propose the name or names of any other person or persons, (not exceeding four in number) for election into the Council, such six or more Fellows shall leave notice, in writing, with the Secretary, of the name or names they propose, within fourteen days after the said Lists shall have been read, and Balloting Lists shall then be prepared, containing the names of all the Fellows proposed for election.

XX.

On the day of election, each Fellow voting shall strike out of his Balloting List the name or names of those persons recommended for whom he does not vote, and shall then deliver his List to the person in the Chair, who shall put the same into the receptacle provided for the occasion, the name of such Fellow being first entered by the Secretary.

XXI.

The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President or person in the Chair, shall appoint two or more Scrutineers, being Fellows present, not Members of the Council, to superintend the Ballot, and report the result to the Meeting.

XXII.

If, from any cause, the election shall be adjourned, due and sufficient notice of the day until which such adjournment shall have taken place shall be given to the Fellows.

XXIII.

The Council shall meet regularly once in every week at such time and place as they shall by some Bye-Law from time to time appoint, and Special Meetings may be convened by the President, or in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents, due and sufficient notice being previously sent to each Member.

XXIV.

No business shall be transacted in Council unless there be three or more Members present. The majority of Votes shall decide every question, and in case of an equality, the person in the Chair shall have an additional or casting Vote.

XXV.

Any Member of Council who shall be personally interested in the question before the Council, shall withdraw during the consideration and decision of the same.

XXVI.

The Council shall present and cause to be read to the Annual General Meeting, a Report on the general concerns of the Society for the preceding year, and such Report, or the substance thereof, shall be published at the discretion of the Meeting for the use of the Society.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

XXVII.

The duty of the President will be to preside at all the Meetings of the Society and Council, and superintend all the proceedings therein, and generally to see to the execution of the Rules and Orders of the Society.

XXVIII.

In case of his absence from any of the Meetings of the Society or Council, his place shall be filled by one of the Vice-Presidents, or by a Member of Council then present, who shall for the time-being have all the authority, privilege, and power of the President.

OF THE SECRETARY.

XXIX.

The Secretary shall possess a scientific knowledge of the leading branches of Natural History, particularly of Botany and Geology. He shall have inspection over the Clerks, Gardeners, and others, the Servants of the Society: he shall see generally that the Rules and Orders of the President and Council be executed, and he shall conduct the Correspondence of the Society, and have custody of all its Papers. His

Salary shall not exceed Three Hundred Pounds per Annum, with the allowance of a House. He shall keep a Book, containing the Proceedings of every Meeting of the Council or Society, and also a Book containing the names of the Fellows and Honorary Members, and in which, every Order, Regulation, or Bye-Law shall be entered.

OF THE FUNDS.

XXX.

The Funds of the Society shall be at the disposal of the Council for the time being, and all Orders upon the Treasurer shall be signed by the person presiding at the Council, and countersigned by the Secretary; but no expense of any description whatever shall be incurred unless there be Funds in the hands of the Treasurer to pay the amount.

OF FUTURE REGULATIONS.

XXXI.

Until the 31st. of December, 1844, the Council shall have full power to make, alter, or repeal such Orders and Bye-Laws (not repugnant to these Rules) as may be necessary for the regulation of the Society and management of its Officers, Servants, Property, and affairs; and all such Orders and Bye-Laws shall be in force until the Annual General Meeting in January, 1845, when the same shall be submitted to such Meeting for confirmation, alteration, or rejection; but no Fellow shall be bound by any of such Orders or Bye-Laws, until the same shall have been read at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Society, or circulated for the information of the Fellows.

W. CHAMP,
Secretary.