

Letter submitted from D. McAndrew, of Drysdale, requesting that he may be allowed two or three months to enable him to bring forward a ton of flax.

Request acceded to.

Letter submitted from M. Murphy, requesting premium for manufacture of portmanteaus.

Resolved—That it be not entertained, the same having only been delivered on the 12th instant.

Further letter from Mr. Hutchinson (manufacture of a substitute for embroidery), explaining the reason why his original application was not delivered on 1st instant.

Resolved—That the application be considered in its turn.

Application from Mr. Tolhurst read, requesting a premium for lithographing music.

Resolved—That the same cannot be entertained, as it was only delivered on the 14th instant.

Resolved—That the following applications be laid aside for reconsideration:—Martin—Blasting compound; Chambers—Bellows; Hutchinson—Ovens; Mealy—Straw hats, &c.; Lacroisette and Bates—Crystallized fruits; Prangst—Candles.

Resolved—That the following applications cannot be entertained:—Clarke—Paperhangings; conditions of Regulations not having been complied with. Wilkie, Kilner and Co.—Pianos; not having sent in a claim in 1864, which another firm did, and a premium having been awarded to the firm in question.

Resolved—That a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. Francis and Mr. Stutzer, visit the premises of the following applicants:—Chambers—Bellows; Hutchison—Ovens; Rowden Bros.—Galvanizing iron.

28th December, 1865.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bindon, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Stutzer.

Letter read from Mr. Stanway, requesting reconsideration of his claim for the invention of the Australian patent easy chair.

Resolved—That the letter be laid aside for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Application for a reward from Mr. H. Robottom, for silver chasing, was read.

Decided—That the application was received too late to be entertained for a premium.

Letter from M. Murphy read, relative to refusal of Board to entertain his claim.

Resolved—That the establishment be visited.

The claim of Mr. Watts, of Warrnambool, for a premium for the manufacture of perfumery, read.

Resolved—That a report be obtained from Mr. Musgrove, Collector of Customs, and other gentlemen residing in the neighbourhood of Warrnambool, in reference thereto.

The following applications submitted—ordered to be laid aside for the present:—Miller—Pistol cartridges; Fordham—Preserved fish and fruits; pickles. [The applications for pickles not to be entertained for a reward, a premium having been awarded last year.] Beddison—Railway and coach trimmings; Evett—Gold-leaf; Clark and Co.—Chemicals; Hutchison—Substitute for embroidery.

That the establishments of the under-mentioned applicants be visited by members of the Board:—Pansacker and Evans—Portmanteaus, &c.; Donaghy, Geelong—Rope.

That the following applications be laid aside for reconsideration:—Allison—Firebricks; Chevalier—Chromo-lithography; Stone—Cement; Nisser—Powder; Mealy—Straw-splitters.

3rd January, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Bindon, Mr. Reeves. No quorum.

6th February, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Bindon, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lyall, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Riddell, Mr. Stutzer.

Resolved—That the following applications be laid aside for the present:—Watts—Perfumery; Honnens, Vockler and Co.—Glue; Fincham—Organs, and manufacture of materials therewith.

That the application of E. M. Myer, of Ballarat, for the manufacture of spirits of wine, chloroform, &c., be laid aside for reconsideration.

That J. C. Lyons be requested to furnish additional information relative to his patent manure.

That the following applications of the under-mentioned persons cannot be acceded to:—E. Brandt—Shingles and shingle machinery; E. Nightingale—Fancy boxes; J. Nelson—Salt.

That the following applications cannot be entertained, the same not having been received until after the expiration of the time fixed for receiving claims:—Geach—Gentlemen's ties, &c.; Greathead—Bonnet shapes; Venables—Madder.

15th February, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Reeves. No quorum.

20th February, 1866.—Members present:—Mr. Francis, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Stutzer, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Lyall.

The following applications for rewards having been submitted for reconsideration, it was resolved that they cannot be acceded to:—Meyer—Ether, chloroform, &c.; Lyons—Patent manure; Allison—Firebricks; Hughes—Treatment of antimony ore; Chevalier—Chromo-lithography; Haughton—Perambulators; Amos—Iron; Stone—Cement.

To be laid aside for further consideration:—Nisser—Improved powder; Dodson—Male and female axles.

Stanway's renewed application for a reward for the invention, &c., of the Australian patent easy chair, resubmitted for consideration, in accordance with resolutions adopted at a meeting held on the 28th December last.

Decided—That the claim cannot be entertained under the Regulations.

Resolved—That, out of the vote of £5,000, the sum of £2,500 be set apart in equal proportions, as a reward for the manufacture of woollen goods and paper, *i.e.*, £1,250 to each; and that a sub-committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Anderson and Reeves, to report relative to claims for rewards for manufacture of woollens, and to suggest conditions upon which premiums should be granted and a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Stutzer and Harrison, be requested to make a similar report, &c., concerning the application for premium for manufacture of paper.

Resolved—That the other applications considered worthy of premiums be divided into eight classes,