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## AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, FOR 1855.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
&c., &c., &c.

1. The Trustees of the Australian Museum have the honor of submitting to Your Excellency this, their Second Annual Report.

2. The Trustees regret that they have so little progress to report, in regard to the fitting up of the Museum. After the completion of the Gallery round the Hall, which had been commenced in the previous year, and the restoration of the stone steps at the main and back entrances of the building, the works had to be stopped, to await the result of an application to the Government for a further grant of money.

3. As soon as the Trustees were made aware that the Legislature had voted the sum of £3,000, towards the completion of the Museum fittings, they obtained plans and specifications for a certain number of glass cases and cabinets, and advertized for tenders for their construction.

4. The Trustees have to acknowledge the receipt of the Deed of Grant of the Museum, from the Colonial Treasury, which, together with the Common Seal of the Trustees, has been deposited in a suitable fire-proof safe within the building.

5. The Trustees have the honor to append to this Report a copy of the several Appendix No. 1. By-laws which have been assented to by Your Excellency during the past year.

6. An account of the Expenditure of the sum voted by the Legislative Council in Appendix No. 2. 1854, towards the completion of the Museum, is given in Appendix No. 2.

7. The Expenditure of the Annual Endowment of £1,000, for the current expenses Appendix No. 3. of the Museum, is stated in Appendix No. 3.

8. The Trustees will soon be in a position to lay before Your Excellency, an Estimate not only of the remaining fittings required, but also of the sum necessary to put the building into an efficient state of repair; and they hope that the liberality of the Legislature will enable them to carry on the works with expedition, so that the public may speedily have the full benefit of the Institution.

The Board submit this as their Report for 1855; and in testimony thereof, have caused their Corporate Seal to be hereunto affixed, this third day of May, 1856.

W. S. MACLEAY,  
Chairman.

GEORGE FRENCH ANGAS,  
Secretary.

## APPENDIX No. 1.

## AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM.—BY-LAWS.

*Meeting of Trustees.*

I. The Ordinary Meetings of the Trustees shall be held as early as possible in each month, on such day of the week, and at such hour, as shall be agreed upon by the Board.

II. Any special meeting may be held at not less than two days' notice, on a requisition, signed by three Trustees, being lodged with the Secretary; provided that in such requisition the object for which the meeting is to be called, be specified.

III. Every meeting, ordinary or special, may be adjourned, at the pleasure of the majority of members present, to any future day, at their discretion.

*Vacancies in the Office of Elective Trustee.*

IV. The office of Elective Trustee may be vacated by resignation; by absence from the meetings of the Board, without leave, for six successive months, at any time after the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five; or by ejection, as hereinafter provided.

V. If any Elective Trustee shall contumaciously disobey any By-law or Order of the Board, or shall by word or writing publicly defame the Museum, or dishonestly do anything to its injury, he shall be liable to ejection by the Board.

VI. Whenever there shall be cause for the ejection of any Elective Trustee, it shall be the duty of the Chairman, on the requisition, in writing, of two Trustees, to propose at some meeting of the Board, the ejection of such Trustee; and at the next ordinary meeting, previous notice thereof having been given to such Trustee, the question shall be put to the ballot, and if two-thirds of the members present vote for it, the Chairman shall cancel the name of such person, in the list of Trustees, and the ejection of every such person shall be recorded in the Minute Book of the Museum.

VII. As soon as a vacancy in the office of Elective Trustee shall have been declared (*ex cathedra*) by the Chairman, it shall be competent for any two Trustees to propose the admission of a candidate for the office of Elective Trustee; provided that, at the time, the qualifications, scientific, literary, or otherwise, which such candidate may possess for the office, be stated in writing and signed by such Trustees.

VIII. At the next ordinary meeting, after the candidate has been so proposed, the election shall take place by ballot; provided that, no person shall be declared elected, unless he have in his favor two-thirds of the members balloting.

*Honorary Correspondents.*

IX. It shall be competent for the Trustees, from time to time, to elect Honorary Correspondents of the Museum.

X. Each Certificate proposing a Candidate for Election as an Honorary Correspondent, shall be signed by two or more Trustees, and shall specify the services which such Candidate may have rendered to the Museum, or to the general cause of Science; and such Certificate having been presented at one of the ordinary meetings of the Trustees, the Election shall take place by Ballot at the next ensuing meeting of the Board, provided that no person be considered as duly elected, unless he have in his favor two-thirds of the members voting.

XI. There shall be transmitted to each Honorary Correspondent, as soon as may be after his Election, a Diploma under the Common Seal of the Museum, signed by the Chairman for the time being, and countersigned by the Secretary.

*Administration of Finances.*

XII. Some one Bank in Sydney shall be appointed the Treasurer to the Museum.

XIII. At every Ordinary Meeting of the Trustees, an account shall be presented and entered on the Minutes, of all expenses incurred during the preceding month, including all Salaries and Wages; and the same, when audited and found correct, and countersigned by the Chairman for the time being, shall be paid by cheque or cheques drawn on the Treasurer, and signed by two Trustees.

XIV. In cases of urgency, any three Members of the Board may, by cheques countersigned by the Secretary, direct the payment of accounts; every such cheque to be reported to the Board at its next meeting, and noted in the minutes, with the cause of the proceeding.

*The Common Seal.*

XV. The Common Seal of the Museum shall be kept in a chest having three locks, with three different keys, of which two shall be in custody of Trustees appointed by the Board, and the third shall be kept by the Secretary.

XVI. Every document to which the Common Seal of the Museum is to be affixed, shall be sealed at a meeting of the Board, and signed by the Chairman for the time being, and countersigned by the Secretary.

(L.S.) GEO. MACLEAY,  
Chairman.

Passed by the Trustees of the Australian Museum, this fourteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

GEORGE FRENCH ANGAS,  
Secretary to the Trustees of the  
Australian Museum.

Approved,  
W. DENISON.

APPENDIX No. 2.

BUILDING EXPENSES of the AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, during 1855.

1855.		£ s. d.	1855.		£ s. d.
January 1st.....	To Balance from last year .....	695 8 3	March 5th .....	Amount paid Russell & Co ; 193 feet Iron Balcony for Gallery .....	178 10 6
July 10th .....	„ Cheque from Paris Exhibition Commissioners, for Repair of Damage done to Museum Steps .....	58 6 0	May 5th .....	Amount paid J. Leedom, for painting, varnishing, marbling, &c. ....	167 2 0
			June 2nd .....	Amount paid J. Leedom, for glazing skylights .....	26 6 0
			July 1st .....	Paid Sugden & Co., for steps to back and main entrances, and for drainage of cellar .....	106 6 6
			Ditto .....	Amount paid T. Abbott, for completing Gallery according to contract .....	175 19 2
			Ditto .....	Paid Abbott for hanging Gates .....	9 17 9
			December 31st.....	By Balance .....	89 12 4
		£753 14 3			£753 14 3

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## APPENDIX No. 3.

The CURRENT EXPENSES of the AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM, during the Year 1855.

1855.		£ s. d.	1855.		£ s. d.
January 1st.....	To Balance from last year .....	249 0 9		Salaries during 1855 .....	746 15 0
Ditto .....	Cash, being one-fourth Annual Endowment	250 0 0		Stationery, Printing, Postages, &c. ....	16 3 4
April 1st .....	Ditto ditto	250 0 0		Amounts paid purchasing Store Chests and Cabinet .....	46 10 0
July 4th .....	Ditto ditto	250 0 0		Contingent Expenses, such as carriage, water, food for living animals (since sold), &c., &c. ....	26 6 7
October 1st .....	Ditto ditto	250 0 0		Keeping grounds in order .....	8 0 0
			December 31st.....	Requisites for Curator's Department—setting up Elephant, &c., &c. ....	52 18 8
				By Balance .....	353 7 2
		£1,249 0 9			£1,249 0 9

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