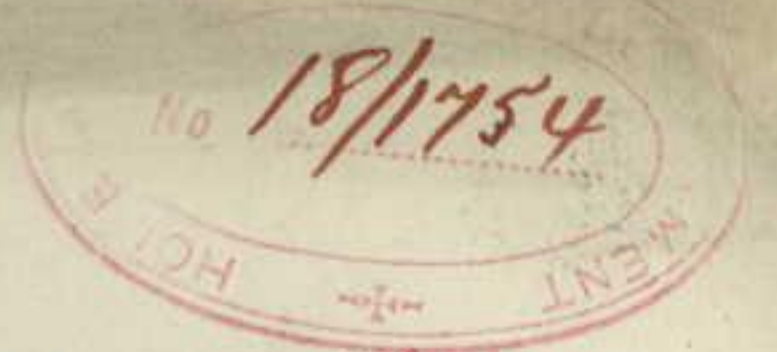


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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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Home and Territories Department.

**FILE OF PAPERS.**

SUBJECT: *C. B. R. Nobbs*

*Complaint against Administrator Norfolk Id*

MINUTES NOT TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS COVER.



P.P.  
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Norfolk Island 6<sup>th</sup> June 1918

CERTIFICATE

The Minister  
Home & Territories.  
Melbourne.

Sir,

I write merely to inform you that in connection with the Fête Day for the Australian Red Cross Society held here on 11<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, the Administrator made such an ass and a cad of himself that we are thoroughly disgusted with him.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Yours. &c.

*Perrott*

Presume this may be filed

HT, 1/17

Perhaps might be sent to  
Admir for info.

2/7.

T.G.T.

Take no notice. File  
as is.



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ER



The Administrator,  
Norfolk Island.

           In compliance with the request contained in your memorandum  
of the 29th March, No.18/27, I enclose copy of the reply sent to  
Mr C.C.R.Nobbs on the 19th September last.

(SIGNED) ATLEE HUNT

Secretary.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE,

No. 18/27.

NORFOLK ISLAND, 29th March 1918

MEMORANDUM for

The Honourable the Minister for Home and Territories.

APR 17 1918 PM

Adverting to your memorandum of the 19th September last, No. 17/13972, forwarding a reply to be sent to Mr. C.C.R. Nobbs in answer to his letter of 8th August last, I should be obliged if you would send me a copy of that reply, to be filed with the papers here.

Administrator.



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Take no notice whatever. ✓

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Norfolk Island 25<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1918

The Hon.

The Minister for Home and Territories.

Melbourne.

FEB - 5 1918 3 PM

Sir,

Your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> Dec last duly received and contents noted.

As one who has been connected with and taken part in the proceedings of the local Councils for nearly twenty (20) years. I consider your remarks contained in the first paragraph, entirely ill advised and biased, and I most strongly resent them.

I quite agree with your views as represented in paragraph 2; provided always that a gentleman and not a Tyrant occupies the Chair.

The Chairman could not be immune from adverse criticism or motion regarding his actions as such by any member who has the inherent right to express approval or otherwise. The motion referred to in mine of 9<sup>th</sup> Feby last, being in order (see By-Law 6) the action of the Chairman can only be designated as that of a person totally unfit for the position.

As the motions or questions mentioned in mine of the 3<sup>rd</sup> May last, and referred to by you, were not recorded in the minutes of the meeting (as far as I know) your remarks relative thereto could only have been based on the report of the Chairman, in which case, I would not be surprised to learn that such report is a fabrication and a travesty.



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of facts.

In my letter of 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. last I asked to be supplied with certain documents, for reasons stated. Will you please inform me whether I am to be supplied or not? I cannot reply to or defend myself against your insinuations until I know your reasons, which I am entitled to know. Will you kindly send any communication direct to me and not through the Administrator, as I consider that I am unfairly treated by sending them through him.

I have the honour to be  
Sir.

Yours obediently

C. P. Robbins.

Submitted that this letter be filed.

H. J. 7/2/18





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No 18/<sup>8</sup>134.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE,

NORFOLK ISLAND, 15th January 1918

MEMORANDUM for

The Honourable the Minister for Home and Territories.

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Adverting to your memorandum of the 19th September 1917, No 17/13972. I beg to inform you that your letter has been duly forwarded to Mr C.C.R. Nobbs as directed.

*Allen S. Patton*

Acting Administrator.



17/13972<sup>ER</sup>

19th September, 1917.

Memorandum for

The Administrator,

Norfolk Island.



I forward herewith a copy of a further letter which has been received from Mr C.C.R.Nobbs, together with a reply thereto which the Minister wishes you to forward to him.

(10/10/17) ATLEE HUNT

Secretary.

A handwritten signature or set of initials in dark ink, possibly reading "A.W.", located in the bottom right corner of the document.



## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.



Melbourne, 19th September, 1917.

C.C.R. Nobbs, Esq.,  
Norfolk Island.

I am directed to inform you that the Minister has considered your letter of the 8th August, and wishes me to again point out that strict conformity with the By-laws which govern the procedure at Council meetings is necessary for the proper transaction of public business.

2. Mr Glynn also wishes me to invite your attention to the following:-

From a perusal of the By-laws it will be seen that after business under By-law No. 3 has been disposed of, a Councillor may move a motion without notice under By-law No. 6. Subject to Nos. 9 and 15 the motion must be heard.

3. If, however, a motion without notice affects a fundamental matter such as the constitution of the Council, it would probably be one of which notice should be given.

4. If a motion be offensive it should, if otherwise in order, be dealt with as prescribed in By-law No. 15. This particularly affects the motion referred to in your letter of the 9th February. The other motions or questions mentioned in your communication of the 3rd May were moved or put after the adjournment had been moved, and therefore were dealt with under By-laws Nos. 9 and 10.

(2000) 17/13972

Secretary.



Draft letter to C.C.R. NOBBS.

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a. h.



With a view to avoiding complaints - whether well founded or not - strict conformity to the Rules regulating meetings is desirable. Apparently, after business under Rule 13 has been disposed of, a Cameraman may move a motion without notice under Rule V. C. Subject to 9 & 15, the motion must be heard.

If, however, a motion without notice affects a fundamental matter, such as the constitution of the Council, it would probably be one of which notice should be given. On this point, the Rules are not clear.

If a motion be offensive, as ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> the administrator (letter 3/5/17) says, he dealt with it, it should be dealt with, as Rule 15 provides, by withdrawal &c.

This was clearly effected the motion 7/14/16 referred to in Mr Hobbs letter 9/2/17. The other motions, & queries, referred to in Mr Hobbs letter 3/5/17 were moved & not, after the adjournment had been moved, and hence were dealt with under Rules 9 & 10.

If the motion ~~was~~ were set out as suggested above, in a letter to Mr Hobbs it might prevent the balance in assumption that the Rules had not been observed.



**DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.**MEMORANDUM:

No.

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Subject to 9 and 15, the motion must be heard.

If, however, a motion without notice affects a fundamental matter, such as the constitution of the Council, it would probably be one of which notice should be given; on this point, the Rules are not clear.

If a motion be offensive, as the Administrator (Letter 3/5/17) says one dealt with was, it should, if otherwise in order, be dealt with as Rule 15 prescribes: by withdrawal etc.

This particularly affects the motion 7/12/16 referred to in Mr Nobbs' letter 9/2/17. The other motions, or questions, referred to in Mr Nobbs' letter 3/5/17, were moved or put, after the adjournment had been moved, and therefore were dealt with under Rules 9 and 10.

If the position were set out, as suggested above, in a letter to Mr Nobbs, it might prevent his reliance on assumptions that the Rules had not been observed.

15/9/17.



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Norfolk Island 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1917:

The Hon. The Minister for Home and Territories.  
Federal Parliament. Melbourne.

16 AUG 1917 3 PM

Sir,

The Administrator has transmitted to me, <sup>the</sup> Secretary Okunt's reply, dated 29. 5. 17. to my letter of 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. last. It is hardly conceivable that the situation therein depicted is allowed by your Government to continue, as the liberty of the residents is subjected entirely to the whims of an absolute autocrat, against whose tyranny there is apparently no redress. I would remind you that we are deprived of almost every right of British subjects. Are you aware, Sir, that nearly one hundred (100) men have gone from this little community to fight in the greatest war known to history in order to safeguard the rights of small nations according to the ideas of the British nation, and that whilst taking part in such a momentous struggle your Government are treating us as if, practically, we have no rights? This surely reveals a condition entirely opposed to Democratic principles and British fair play; and one which demands immediate alteration by your Government.

As apparently the decision was based on the Administrator's report, I respectfully request to be supplied with a copy, more especially that I may be able to refute the insinuations contained in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the reply.

I regret to have to further complain of the action of the Chairman at a meeting of the Executive Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> ulto when the following resolution was, by him, ruled "out of order" and not allowed to be discussed or entered in the

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minutes of the meeting; - viz.

"That the President be and he is hereby severely reprimanded for his unwarrantable action in expending public monies on the "Boat Keg" Bridge without the sanction of the Council."

This resolution was duly seconded and notwithstanding By-law No. 6 was treated by the Chairman as already stated.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,

Yours most abediently  
J. P. Robbs.

Submitted. This letter appears to contain further evidence of Mr Robbs policy of obstruction. By-law No 15 of the Council provides that any councillor using offensive language or imputing improper motives to another councillor shall, on being required by the Chairman, "withdraw & apologise."

H.T.  
27/8





Extract from cable rec'd from Admin.  
Dated 26/6/17. Original 17/12320.

"Has any action been taken in regard to  
letter 21st April 17/57, nomination of  
Candidates closes 24th July. Reply by  
telegraph."

Copy of reply sent 30/6/17.

"Your letter 20th March 17/45 under  
consideration but decision unlikely in  
time for forthcoming elections. Several  
despatches forwarded by mail 12th June  
including reply to yours 17/57. Will comply  
with your request."



ER

17/9738

26th May, 1917.

Memorandum for

The Administrator,

NORFOLK ISLAND.



With reference to your memorandum of the 21st April, No.17/57, respecting Mr. C.C.R.Nobbs' complaint in regard to your action in ruling out of order a certain resolution submitted at a meeting of the Norfolk Island Executive Council, I shall be glad if you will forward to Mr. Nobbs the enclosed reply in connection with the matter.

(SMB.) ATLEE HUNT

Secretary.

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C.C.R. Nobbs, Esq.,  
NORFOLK ISLAND.



I am directed to inform you that your letter of 9th February, addressed to the Prime Minister, and a report thereon by the Administrator, have been considered. It has been decided that it is not necessary that the Government should take any action in regard to the matters mentioned in your letter, which does not submit considerations that would justify the adoption of your suggestion that the Council should consist wholly of elective members.

2. I am also to say that as a strict observance of the by-laws which govern the procedure at Council meetings, with which members should be familiar, is necessary for the proper transaction of public business, conformity to them in every respect is essential.

3. In this connection I am to invite your attention specially to by-laws 9 and 10, and to the fact that much time may be saved and friction avoided by motions and remarks being confined to subjects properly within the sphere of the Council's duties.

(SGD.) ATLEE HUNT

Secretary.



DEPARTMENT OF ~~EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.~~

No.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER:

The attached communication from the Administrator, Norfolk Island, is submitted.

It is recommended that a reply in the form subjoined be sent to Mr Nobbs through the Administrator.

*A.H.*  
Secretary,  
16/5/17.

I am directed to inform you that your letter of 9th February, addressed to the Prime Minister <sup>and a Report</sup> has been considered. <sup>and a Report</sup> ~~It has been decided that it is not necessary that the Government should take any action in regard thereto, and further that the Minister cannot see his way to adopt your suggestion that the Council should consist wholly of elective members.~~ <sup>to the matters mentioned in your letter</sup> <sup>which does not submit considerations that would justify the adoption of your</sup>

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In this connection I am to invite your attention specially to by-laws 9 and 10. <sup>and to</sup> ~~I am further to ask your attention to the fact that if Members would confine their motions and remarks to subjects properly within the sphere of the Council's duties, much time would be saved and friction obviated.~~ <sup>made time may be saved & friction avoided by motions and remarks being confined to</sup>

*Read Papers.*  
*Approved as amended*  
*W.H.G.*  
*22.5.17*



P.L.  
17/4866



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NORFOLK ISLAND.

No. 17/57.

21st April, 1917.

MEMORANDUM for

The Honourable the Minister for Home Affairs  
and Territories.

- 8 MAY 1917 3 PM

In reply to your memorandum of the 6th March, No. 17/4866, I have to report that the motion referred to in Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs' letter was offensive, and was properly ruled out of order. I was satisfied that the motion was intended as a deliberate insult to the Chairman, and was in contravention of bylaw 15.

I am under the impression that the motion was even more offensive than that quoted in his letter, and that he has considerably toned it down. So far as I am aware, however, the motion was not handed to the Secretary and was not recorded. I am, therefore, unable to determine the actual wording of the motion.

It is not correct that any meeting, at which I presided, was adjourned against the votes of the majority of the Councillors present. On the occasion referred to, the whole of the business on the agenda paper had been dealt with by the Council, and before the actual motion of adjournment was moved, Mr. Nobbs, so far as I recollect, asked some question about the police. As the subject was one, with which it is not the business of the Council to deal, the question was ruled out of order. It was apparent from his conduct at previous meetings, that the  
question/





question was vexatious. Mr. Nobbs declined to accept the Chairman's ruling, but remained standing. At this stage, one of the Councillors, making some remark about wasting their time, moved the adjournment of the meeting. This was duly seconded, and the question of adjournment was put in the usual way, and carried on the voices. Two very loud dissentients were heard at Mr. Nobbs' end of the table, but the majority of votes were in favour of the adjournment. The decision that the ayes had it was not challenged at the time, otherwise a vote by show of hands would have been taken.

A somewhat similar incident occurred at the last council meeting. After the business on the agenda paper was dealt with, the President moved the adjournment, which was duly seconded. Councillor C. C. R. Nobbs objected, and said that he wanted to ask some questions. The motion of adjournment was put and carried on the voices, Councillor Nobbs being the only dissentient.

On account of the number of questions asked by Mr. Nobbs, which had no reference to Council business, it was directed some time previously, that the Minutes should not in future be hampered with those which had been ruled out of order.

He seems to be obsessed with a desire to intrude impertinent questions upon the meetings, in a manner discourteous and disrespectful.

The informal motions referred to in my letter of 14th September last, No. 16/141, to which attention is invited, were all moved by Mr. Nobbs. Attention is also invited to my letters of 12th March, No. 17/40, and 20th March, No. 17/45, which throw some light upon Council matters generally.

C. C. R. Nobbs/





Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs' attitude in years past has been adverse to the administration, and the records show that many of his letters, to my predecessors in office, have been extremely offensive.

I am unable to support the suggestion that the Council should be wholly elected. This has already been tried, and proved to be a failure. Prior to 1903, the Council consisted of 12 elected members. They carried a motion to repeal an ordinance, made by the Governor on the recommendation of the Chief Magistrate, having reference to the registration of dogs. The Governor, however, was satisfied with the necessity for the ordinance, and declined to permit any interference. All the members of the Council, of whom Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs was one, resigned, with the exception of Councillor F. E. Quintal. Their resignations were promptly accepted, and the Council of Elders, as it was then called, was abolished in favour of a newly appointed Council, known as the Executive Council, consisting of five members appointed by the Governor, and two only elected by the people. The President and Vice-President were also appointed by the Governor.

I am of opinion, for the reasons stated in my letter of 20th March, No. 17/45, that the number of elected members should be reduced. The next election will be on the 31st July, 1917.

The real gravamen in this case appears to be that the Chairman confines the business of the Council-meetings to that prescribed. This is absolutely necessary for the preservation of order, and to expedite the proper consideration of the legitimate business of the meetings.

A copy of the bylaws is enclosed.

*W. J. M. M. M. M.*

Administrator

*This is being considered in connection with a separate letter from Admin*

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## NORFOLK ISLAND.

**B**Y-LAWS for the Regulation of the Meetings of the Executive Council of Norfolk Island, and for the carrying out of such works as may be entrusted to it by His Excellency the Governor-General.

1. The Council shall meet for the despatch of ordinary business upon the first Wednesday in each month at the hour of 3 p.m., unless such day shall happen to be a public holiday, or for any other reason that the Council may decide, in which case the meeting shall be held upon a day that the President shall appoint, due notice of which shall be sent to each member.

2. Whenever there be an adjournment for want of a quorum, the names of those present shall be entered in the minute book.

### ORDINARY MEETINGS.

3. The following shall be the order of business at all ordinary meetings:—

(a) The minutes of the preceding meeting to be read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman;

(b) Correspondence and petitions, if any, to be read and dealt with. Also financial or other reports.

(c) Motions of which notice have been given to be dealt with in the order they stand on the business paper.

4. The President may convene a special meeting of the Council at any time, but shall do so on any specified date on the requisition of any four members; such requisition must state the business for which the meeting is to be called.

(a) Business to be conducted in the same way as at ordinary meetings.

(b) Members notified to attend special meetings shall, at the time of notification, be informed as to the business to be brought before them.

5. Except by leave of the Council, motions shall be moved only in the order they stand on the business paper.

6. Any Councillor may bring forward any motion at ordinary meetings, which, upon being seconded, shall be discussed and dealt with as if notice of same had been given.

7. Any Councillor may move an amendment to a motion, but such amendment shall not be discussed until seconded.

8. No second amendment shall be considered until the previous one is disposed of.

9. The Chairman may, at any time, call to order any Councillor who may appear to him to be out of order, and such Councillor shall comply immediately.

10. Every point of order shall be considered immediately it arises, and the Chairman's decision shall be conclusive.

11. If two or more Councillors rise to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall decide which is to speak first.

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12. Every Councillor shall stand while speaking, and address the chair.

13. No Councillor shall speak twice on the same motion, unless by permission of the Chairman, but may also speak once on any amendment, provided that the mover of any motion shall have the right to reply.

14. The preceding regulation does not apply in Committee.

15. Any Councillor using offensive language, or imputing improper motives to any other Councillor during the meeting, shall, on being requested by the Chairman, withdraw such and apologize, failing which he may be ordered by the Chairman to be removed by the constabulary from the chamber until the termination of such sitting.

16. All persons liable for public works (sec. 12, sub-sec. A) shall in each year contribute 15 days' work, more or less, as the Council may determine, or in lieu thereof payment at the rate of 4s. per day for the maintenance of the public works of the island. Provided that the Council may call for additional labour for works of emergency whenever required; the dates for doing either ordinary or emergency works shall be regulated by the Council, and all persons called upon must provide their own implements for doing such works.

17. A day's work shall consist of seven working hours, viz., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

18. A list showing the necessary works to be done, and the dates of such works, and the names of those called upon shall be posted near the Court House at least three (3) clear days before the commencement of such works. This shall be sufficient notice to the persons therein mentioned.

19. The head of each working party shall keep a correct record of the time worked by each member, and report to the Council. Any workman not working his full seven hours on any day may be required to pay at the rate aforesaid.

20. Any person absenting himself from public work on account of illness will be required to make good such absence in such manner as the Council may determine unless the Government Medical Officer certifies that such person is permanently unfit to do public work.

21. Any person may supply a substitute to do manual labour, provided that such substitute be over the age of 18 and under 55 years, and approved of by the President or the foreman of the working party in which it is intended that the substitute shall work.

22. The use of either a pair of horses and harness or a cart or plough for the day for public work will be counted equal to the value of a day's work of one man.

23. Any person contravening By-laws Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, or 21 shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Ten shillings (10/-) for the first offence, and for the second or subsequent offence to any sum not exceeding Two pounds (£2).

24. Any person claiming exemption from public work by reason of his age shall satisfy the Council that he is of or over the age of 55 years.

Passed by Executive Council, Norfolk Island, on the fourth day of November, 1914.

(Sgd.) ALLEN BUFFETT,  
President.

These By-Laws were approved by the Governor-General in Council on the 21st day of January, 1915.

(Sgd.) H. MAHON,  
Minister for External Affairs, Commonwealth of Australia.



ER

17/4866

Melbourne, 6th March, 1917.

Memorandum for  
The Administrator,  
NORFOLK ISLAND.



With reference to the attached copy of a letter addressed to the Prime Minister by Mr. C. C. R. Nobbs, respecting your action in ruling out of order a certain resolution submitted at a meeting of the Norfolk Island Executive Council, the Minister will be glad to be furnished with a report on the matter.

(SGD.) ATLEE HUNT

Secretary.

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PRIME MINISTER.



The Secretary,  
Home and Territories Department.

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Referred, by direction.

*J. H. Clarke*  
for Secretary.  
24/2/17. ✓

Submitted  
H. J. 1/3/17

Submit to the Administrator for a  
report? Acknowledge letter and  
mention the matter submitted

N. U. S.  
2/3/17

Miss Orl have  
already ack'd the  
H. J.





Norfolk Island 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1917.

The Hon. W. M. Hughes. M.P. &c. &c.  
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Melbourne.



Sir,

In order to bring under the notice of the Federal Government the intolerable conditions under which the affairs of the island are being carried out by the present Administrator, and with the distinct view of obtaining conditions compatible with the paramount principle of the Great Democracy under which we have been placed, it is desired to submit the following, viz:-

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. last, a resolution was proposed (copy of which is attached hereto) which the Chairman (who is also Administrator and Chief Magistrate) ruled "out of order" and notwithstanding the fact that it was pointed out that he had no authority under the By-Laws for such ruling, he persisted and would neither allow the resolution to be "discussed and dealt with" nor recorded in the minutes of the meeting. It will be readily seen by the terms of the resolution that it was on account of the action of the Chairman on a former occasion, when it was considered that he acted in a most tyrannical manner.

As a matter of fact, at other previous meetings the Chairman had caused intense resentment to the elected members, and in view of the intolerable situation, it is submitted that, it is entirely incompatible with order and good government that the Administrator, who is also Chief Magistrate, should be allowed to take part in

as Chairman of this Council.

Ack'd  
26/2/17



the proceedings, or preside at meetings of the Executive Council, and consequently it is most strongly urged that the "Executive Council Law of 1913" and subsequent Ordinances having relation thereto should be so amended as to give effect to the foregoing, it is also particularly desired to bring under your notice Dec. O. of "Law No. 2. 1913" (Administration Law)

Further, it is most strongly urged that the time has fully arrived that the Executive Council should be wholly elected by the residents at the next election (31<sup>st</sup> July next) in order that that body may be in touch with, and a true reflection of the will of the electors.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Yours most obediently

C. C. P. Nobbs

That the action of the Chairman in adjourning the Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> against the votes of the majority of the Councillors present and whilst C. C. P. Nobbs was on his feet addressing the Chair, is a lamentable violation of the duties of the Chair, and this Council has no confidence in the Administrator as Chairman of this Council.



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*[Faint handwritten signature or initials.]*

Copy of Resolution proposed at a meeting of the Executive Council of Norfolk Island, which the Chairman ruled "out of order" on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1916.

That the action of the Chairman in adjourning the Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> against the votes of the majority of the Councillors present and whilst C. C. R. Nobbs was on his feet addressing the Chair, is a lamentable violation of the duties of the Chair, and this Council has no confidence in the Administrator as Chairman of this Council.