

**Record of the
Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament**

...
Legislative Council
19th June 1860
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THE PRESIDENT took the chair at half-past four o'clock.

LIBRARY.

Captain O'CONNELL brought up the report of the Library Committee, which was ordered to be printed.

SETTLEMENT OF THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

Captain O'CONNELL laid on the table a progress report from the committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency of establishing a settlement at some suitable site on the south- eastern shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Also, that it be an instruction to this Committee to inquire into, and report upon, the practicability of establishing a line of telegraphic communication in the before- mentioned direction with the Island of Timor. He said the committee had felt some doubt as to the scope their inquiries should take, in consequence of the indefinite terms employed in the Letters Patent describing the boundaries of the colony. He concluded by moving that the report be considered in committee of the whole house to-morrow.

The motion was put and passed.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

Mr. YALDWYN moved, pursuant to amended notice, (1.) That a dutiful and loyal address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen expressive of the gratitude of this Council for the gracious and liberal concession which has been made to the colony of Queensland in its establishment as a separate and independent province of the British Empire. (2.) That the Council now resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of preparing such address. He said it well became that house thus early, and on that occasion, to move a loyal address to the Queen such as he now proposed. Whether they merely regarded the value of the boon that had been granted in the shape of separation, the vast extent of territory conceded to them and the powers of self-government attaching to it, or the number of the colonies and the millions of subjects over which her Majesty held benignant sway, they saw every reason for a cordial and unanimous acknowledgement of the benefits conferred upon them by the concession of separation. He believed that those benefits would be properly appreciated and that the gift of self-government would be used in such a manner as to confer the greatest amount of good on the residents of this colony.

The motion having been seconded, was put and passed unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. YALDWYN, the house then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, when the following Address was read and adopted.

We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, members of the Legislative Council of Queensland, in Council assembled, desire to lay at your Majesty's feet the expression of our grateful acknowledgments for the liberal and gracious concession which has been made to this colony in its erection as a separate and independent province of the British Empire.

By the establishment of this new Dependency we believe that a powerful impulse will be given towards the settlement and civilization of considerable portions of Australia at present almost wholly unoccupied. We are persuaded that these vast regions so blessed by Providence with all material resources will at no distant period be occupied by a numerous and thriving population enabled by their own prosperity to contribute to that of the Empire at large, and cherishing and perpetuating that spirit of loyalty and affection to your Majesty's person and Government which so happily animates all classes of the inhabitants of Queensland.

We desire to add our heartfelt and earnest prayers that it may please the Almighty to vouch-safe to Your Majesty and your illustrious family every blessing, and that Your Majesty may be long spared to exercise a gracious and benignant sway over this and all the other wide spread portions of Your Majesty's dominions.

Mr. YALDWYN then moved, That the Address, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted as the loyal address of this Council to Her Majesty.

The house having resumed,

Mr. YALDWYN moved that the address be presented to the Governor, by the President and himself, which was carried.

The house adjourned at a quarter to 5, until half-past 4 o'clock the next day.