

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

...
Legislative Council
20th June 1860
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The President took the Chair at half past 3 o'clock and opened the proceedings with prayer.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN HENRY M. DENHAM.

The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was received and read:—In accordance with the wish of the Legislative Council, as expressed in the Address of the 16th instant, the Governor will take the earliest opportunity of transmitting to Captain Denham, of the Royal Navy, and also to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of the Resolutions, relative to the services of the officer above-mentioned, adopted by the House.”

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL, leave of absence for fourteen days was granted to Mr. Fitz.

SETTLEMENT AT THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the Progress Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the above subject.

Captain O'CONNELL then moved the adoption of the Report as follows:—“That your Committee has, at the outset of its labors, been met by a difficulty in reference to the true interpretation of the official definition of the boundaries of the Colony of Queensland, given in the Letters Patent erecting this portion of Australia into a separate and independent Colony. That although a majority of your Committee are of opinion that the boundaries stated in the Letters Patent alluded to, give to this Colony all that portion of what was the Colony of New South Wales up to the 125 meridian of East Longitude, lying northward of a line commencing on the sea coast at Point Danger in Latitude 28 deg. 8 south, and following the divergencies of that line as pointed out, to the boundary of South Australia. Yet it has been suggested to them, and seems open to argument, whether or not the 141 meridian of East Longitude is intended to be a boundary on this Colony's western-side northward of the point when that meridian is freed from contact with the territory of South Australia. That feeling this difficulty to be one requiring an early decision, your Committee beg to recommend to your Honorable House, that you will agree to an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting His Excellency to obtain as speedily as possible an authoritative declaration from Her Majesty's Government in England of the boundaries of Queensland as stated in the Letters Patent, erecting it into a separate Colony. And further, that His Excellency may be prayed to ask for a more defined description of the Western boundary of Queensland; and in the event of any doubt on the subject, for such a boundary as will give to this Colony an available port or harbor within the 139 meridian of East Longitude.

After some conversation, in which several members took part, Mr. GALLOWAY and others contending that the admission of a doubt as to their exact boundaries was tantamount to a giving up of a large portion of their territory. The Committee divided with the following result:—

Ayes, 5.

Captain O'Connell

Mr. Fitz

“ Balfour

“ Yaldwyn

Sir Charles Nicholson

Noes, 5.

Dr. Simpson

Mr. McDougall

“ Galloway

Dr. Fullerton

Mr. Compigne

The division being equal the Chairman gave his casting vote in favor of the noes.

The House then resumed, and the CHAIRMAN reported that the House had been unable to agree to any report.

VOTE CREDIT.

A message from the Legislative Assembly, borne by the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney- General, conveying a resolution authorising the payment of current expenses pending the passing of the Appropriation Act, was received and read.

The consideration of the message was ordered for the next day.

The House adjourned at half-past five, until four o'clock the next day.