

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

...
Legislative Council
28th June 1860

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The President took the chair at half-past three o'clock and opened the proceedings with prayer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On the motion of Mr. ROBERTS leave of absence was granted to Mr. Massie for 14 days.

STANDING ORDERS.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the draft rules and standing orders. After some conversation these were agreed to with the omission of the 93rd rule, and the house having resumed, the standing rules and orders were read by the Clerk.

Captain O'CONNELL then moved their adoption, as the joint rules and orders intended for the governance of the two houses, subject, of course, to the approval of the Assembly.

A motion was subsequently passed for their transmission to the Legislative Assembly by the Clerk, which of course was assented to.

GOLD EXPORT DUTY BILL.

Captain O'CONNELL moved that this bill be read a second time, and in doing so explained that a gold-field having been opened in New South Wales a little beyond the borders of this colony, it had been found expedient by the miners and others interested to transmit the gold via Ipswich and Brisbane; but owing to the imposition of the heavy duty required by law, and the increased expenses indirectly attendant upon the transit, the traffic, to a certain extent, was broken off. The result had an injurious effect upon the trade thus accidentally opened up between the two colonies, and, as might be expected, several memorials were forwarded to the Government, praying for the abolition of the export duty. The Government, perceiving that the exaction of the duty had an injurious effect upon trade, and feeling that the duty was not one which they were morally entitled to levy, owing to the fact of the gold not being produced in the colony, they at once conformed to the prayer of the memorialists, and relieved the officers concerned from further responsibility in the collection. The bill, therefore, before the house, was intended to have the effect of an indemnification, and he had no doubt that under all the circumstances, they could agree to it. He observed also that it was the policy of the present government in pursuance of that adopted by the other colonies, to abolish the export duty on gold altogether.

The motion having been seconded was put and passed, and the Committee of the Bill was fixed for Tuesday next.

AUGMENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S SALARY BILL.

Captain O'CONNELL moved the second reading of this bill which was carried, and the third reading was fixed for Tuesday next.

The house adjourned at 6 o'clock until half-past 4 o'clock on Tuesday.