Record of the Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament

Legislative Council 17th July 1860

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The PRESIDENT took the chair at half-past four o'clock.

DEEDS OF GRANT.

Mr. ROBERTSON asked—"Whether it be the intention of the Government forthwith to provide for the preparation and delivery of Deeds of Grant to purchasers of Crown lands immediately after the payment of this consideration money, thereby avoiding the inconvenience hitherto suffered by purchasers in the delay of the preparation and delivery of such Deeds of Grant.

Captain O'CONNELL replied that owing to unavoidable causes some delay had taken place with regard to the issue of deeds of grant, but that it was the intention of the Government to make an arrangement, coupled with a system of registration, whereby those documents would be issued at the earliest opportunity after purchase.

LUNATICS IN GAOL.

Mr. ROBERTS moved—That an Address by presented to his Excellency the Governor praying, "That his Excellency will cause to be laid on the table of this Council a return of the number of lunatics imprisoned in the Brisbane gaol from the 1st January, 1855, to the 31st December, 1859; also, a return of the number imprisoned from 1st January, 1860, to present date." The motion having been seconded.

Captain O'CONNELL expressed his assent on behalf of the government, and it was therefore carried.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from his Excellency the Governor intimating that he had been pleased to assent on behalf of her Majesty to the bill limiting the number of Government officers eligible for election to the Legislative Assembly.

PRIMARY EDUCATION BILL.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL this bill was recommitted for the purpose of making a verbal amendment in the third clause, namely, the substitution of the word "Board" for the word "Corporation."

The committee having agreed to the amendment the house resumed, and the report was adopted.

The third reading was fixed for the next day.

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