Record of the Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament

Legislative Council 31st July 1860

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The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock, and read prayers.

PETITION.

Capt. O'CONNELL presented a petition signed by 126 inhabitants of Brisbane, praying that the house would not pass the bill for the discontinuance of State-aid. The petition set forth that the abolition of State-aid would tend to the demoralization of the colony, and that the petitioners viewed with great alarm the progress of the measure, inasmuch as they looked upon it as opposed to the well-being and future happiness of the people of this colony.

The petition was received.

STATE-AID DISCONTINUANCE BILL.

Previous to the house going into committee on this bill,

Capt. O'CONNELL said that it was not his intention to offer any further opposition to the measure. After the strong expression in its favor evinced by the house on the occasion of its second reading, opposition on his part would be hopeless, but he wished distinctly to guard himself against any idea that he concurred in the principle which the bill involved.

The President then left the chair, and the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the various clauses of the bill, which were severally proposed by Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON, and passed without amendment.

The house then resumed, and the bill was reported as passed.

On the motion of Mr. ROBERTS, the report was adopted, and the third reading fixed as an order of the day for to-morrow.

CENSUS BILL.

Captain O'CONNELL moved the adoption of the report of the committee of the whole house upon this bill.

The motion was carried, and the third reading fixed as an order of the day for to-morrow.

LIEN ON WOOL BILL.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the provisions of this bill.

Clause 1 was postponed, and the remainder of the clause, except 10 and 11, were passed with some verbal amendments. The two clause referred to were slightly amended, after discussion, on the motion of Mr. GALLOWAY, and Captain O'CONNELL moved that the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLY.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly, announcing the adoption of certain resolutions affirming the desirability of representing Queensland products in the proposed

Great Exhibition in London, in 1862, and requesting the concurrence of the house therein. The message also set forth that Messrs. Raff, Buckley, and Macalister had been appointed as a committee on the matter, and that they were empowered to act in concert with any similar committee the Council might choose to appoint.

Captain O'CONNELL moved that the matter be taken into consideration on the following day.

The house adjourned shortly before 6 o'clock till the usual hour next day.