

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

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**Legislative Council**  
**4<sup>th</sup> August 1860**  
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The President took the chair at half-past 10 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

**TENDERS REGULATION BILL.**

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly conveying the above bill, and requesting concurrence therein.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL the bill was read a first time, and he proposed that the second reading should take place on Tuesday next (this day).

Mr. BIGGE suggested that, as the bill was an important one, and as there was every probability of several hon. members being absent during the ensuing week, it would be desirable to postpone the second reading until Tuesday next week.

Captain O'CONNELL observed that a question had been raised as to whether they ought not to adjourn for the same period as proposed in the other house, and in order to ascertain the feeling of hon. members, he would now move that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of an adjournment such as he had alluded to.

The motion was carried and the house went into committee accordingly.

Captain O'CONNELL then explained the reasons assigned for an adjournment, pointing out that the bills to be considered were of the greatest importance, and that there was some probability of there not being more than a quorum to deal with them in the event of an adjournment not being acceded to. It was therefore for the committee to consider whether under the circumstances stated an adjournment was desirable or not. So far as the Government were concerned, he was in a position to state that they were most anxious that business should be proceeded with at once.

Mr. BIGGE again observed that as the Land Bills were very important in their nature, it would be desirable to defer their second readings for a fortnight, when there was every reason to believe they would be considered by a full house.

Mr. YALDWYN admitted that the measures alluded to were too important to be dealt with by the bare quorum of the house, but at the same time he did not think the probable absence of hon. members ought to be assigned as a reason for adjourning. He was in his place to go on with the public business, and hoped he always would be, but if the house decided to adjourn he would of course bow to its decision.

Mr. GALLOWAY was quite prepared personally to go on with the public business, but he thought the small number likely to be in attendance would not be sufficient to warrant them in proceeding with the Land Bills.

Sir CHARLES NICHOLSON regretted the cause which led to the question of adjournment being raised. He also admitted the desirability of the land bills being considered by a full house, but at the same time he pointed out that there were several matters on the business paper which

could be gone on with during the interval irrespective of the land bills.

After some further conversation it was agreed that there should be no adjournment beyond that prescribed by the standing orders, and the house having resumed, this decision was accordingly reported and confirmed.

In pursuance of the understanding arrived at in committee, the second reading of the Tenders Regulation Bill was postponed until Tuesday week.

### UNOCCUPIED CROWN LANDS OCCUPATION BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly, conveying the bill for settling the amounts between New South Wales and Queensland and requesting concurrence therein.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL the bill was read a first time, and the second reading fixed for Tuesday next.

### DIVISION OF THE DEBT BETWEEN NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly, conveying the above bill, and requesting concurrence therein.

On the motion of Captain O'CONNELL it was read a first time, and the second reading fixed for Tuesday next (to-day).

The house adjourned at 5 minutes to 11, until half-past 4 o'clock on Tuesday (this day).