

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

...
Legislative Council
12th September 1860
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The President took the chair at 20 minutes to 5 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

Mr. GALLOWAY laid on the table the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the practicability of forming a settlement on the south-eastern shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria, and also, the construction of a line of telegraph to England via the Indian Islands.

The report was ordered to be printed, and its adoption was fixed for Saturday next.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly transmitting this bill for concurrence therein.

On the motion of Mr. GALLOWAY the bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. GALLOWAY then moved that the bill be read a second time, explaining that, with few exceptions, the bill was a mere consolidation of the existing law. The new matter introduced was only intended to meet such cases as might arise in consequence of there being only one judge and a general incomplete machinery for carrying out the ordinary administration of justice.

The motion having been seconded,

The CHAIRMAN of COMMITTEES objected to its passing on the ground that sufficient time had not been allowed for considering the bill. He contended that it was altogether unreasonable to suppose that measures of such great importance as this, received during the afternoon, should be allowed to pass as a mere matter of course. He admitted that some of the provisions were very good, but at the same time he believed it was generally known that there were others which had first met with very strong opposition in another place. His honor the judge claimed a right to his salary of £2000 a year, by virtue of letters patent, and seeing that his case had just been argued by counsel in the Legislative Assembly, he thought it would be only decent to allow some time to elapse before they assented to the second reading.

The house then divided on the motion.

Ayes, 6.		Noes, 3.	
Mr. Bigge		Mr. Laidley	
" Galloway		" Harris	} Tellers.
Dr. Simpson		" Roberts	}
" Fullerton			
Mr. Balfour	} Tellers.		
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The motion was therefore carried, and the bill read a second time.

Mr. GALLOWAY now moved that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN of COMMITTEES opposed the motion for reasons similar to those

previously stated. Why should they be compelled to go into a bill, 68 clauses in length, which they had not been permitted even to read.

Mr. GALLOWAY at length withdrew his motion, and proposed that the committal of the bill be fixed for the next day, which was agreed to.

SCAB IN SHEEP BILL.

On the motion of Mr. GALLOWAY, this bill was read a third time and passed, and ordered to be returned to the Assembly.

The house adjourned at 10 minutes past 5 o'clock until 3 o'clock the next day.