

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

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**Legislative Assembly
14th September 1860**
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The Speaker took the chair at a quarter past 10 o'clock, and read prayers.

CROWN LANDS LEASING BILL.

On the motion of the COLONIAL TREASURER this bill was returned to the Legislative Council, with a message intimating that the Assembly had agreed to certain amendments and rejected others.

TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY.

Mr. LILLEY asked the honorable the Colonial Secretary (in the absence of the honorable the Attorney-General),—Whether the government had made any progress with their promised measure to facilitate the transfer of real property?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied that his hon. and learned colleague had been in communication with Mr. Rolleston, of Sydney, and other colonial authorities, with a view to the introduction of a measure during the next session. He had every reason to believe that the contemplated measure would be found generally satisfactory.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the Appropriation out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Queensland of certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year 1860-61.

Carried.

SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved, That so much of the standing orders be suspended as will admit of the passing of the Appropriation Bill for 1860-61 through all its stages in one day, and the transaction of any other business that may be required.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

This bill was then read a first time, and at a subsequent period in the afternoon it was read a second time, carried through committee, and finally passed.

ATTENDANCE OF THE HOUSE ON TUESDAY.

Mr. TAYLOR asked the Colonial Secretary whether it was necessary there should be a full house on Tuesday at the time when it was understood certain bills would receive the royal assent. He put the question as he knew there were several hon. members anxious to leave town immediately.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied that it was necessary there should be a quorum at the opening of the house but not afterwards, as his Excellency could give his assent to bills from the chair.

SETTLEMENT ON THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY brought up the report of the select committee appointed to enquire into the practicability and expediency of forming a settlement on the south eastern shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria. He explained that a difficulty had arisen with regard to the neutral ground lying between this colony and South and Western Australia. An effort was being made to have the boundary line fixed at the 141st meridian, and in that case the most important portion of the Gulf of Carpentaria would be cut off from this colony. Under these circumstances the committee had thought it desirable not to take any further steps in the matter until the boundary had been finally determined. (Hear, hear.) He therefore moved that the report be adopted.

Carried.

THE STEAM DREDGE.

Mr. RAFF rose to move that in the opinion of this house the steam dredge, for which a sum of £10,500 was voted by this house, ought to be sent for to Great Britain at once, as it is believed that despatch, economy, and efficient, will be most effectually secured thereby. He had been informed, however, that the government had accepted one of the tenders already sent in. He should like to hear from one of the members of the government whether such was the case.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied that four tenders had been sent in, and that one from two well-known and respectable Sydney firms would no doubt be adopted. It was the best that had yet been received, and he would therefore immediately recommend it to his Excellency for adoption.

Mr. RAFF said that under these circumstances he would withdraw the motion.

EXHIBITION OF 1862.

Mr. RAFF moved that the report of the joint committee on the Great Exhibition in 1862, be now adopted. He explained that the evidence taken was of the best description, and that the report had been framed after the most careful deliberation. It was not his intention to make any substantive motion on the subject, as he imagined the Executive would do all that was necessary to carry the recommendations into effect. (Hear, hear.)

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said he had read the report, and thought it placed the matter on the best possible footing. He hoped the house would be liberal enough to grant the £2000 asked for by the committee, as it would be a pity if a matter of such importance as this were crippled for want of a moderate outlay.

Mr. RAFF hoped the house would offer some expression of opinion on the subject, in order that the government might be justified in at once granting the necessary funds to carry out the project.

Mr. TAYLOR said that as he was generally understood to be one of those members who stickled most for an economical expenditure of the public money, he might be expected to make one or two remarks. All that he could say was that he had no intention of opposing a grant for this purpose, provided it were properly laid out, particularly as he believed the products would to a certain extent, repay the cost.

The motion was then put and passed.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

Messages were received from the Legislative Council, returning the Administration of Justice and Crown Lands Leasing Bills.

SUPPLY.

On the motion of the COLONIAL TREASURER, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the additional estimates of 1861.

The sum of £650 for salary and allowances to the Commandant of Native Police was agreed to, nem. con.

Upon the following being proposed—

In addition to salary voted for inspector at

Brisbane	...	...	...	...	£50
Ditto ditto ditto at Ipswich	...	...	...	...	25

Mr. RAFF said he understood, when these salaries were considered in committee before, that the government would also propose an increase in the gaoler's salary.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN remarked that he was not aware of any such understanding as the one alluded to by the hon. member.

Mr. TAYLOR also said that this was the first he had heard of any intention to increase the gaoler's salary, more especially as that officer had obtained an increase of £50 for the current year, and mainly, he believed, at his (Mr Taylor's) suggestion.

Messrs. EDMONSTONE and LILLEY spoke in terms of high commendation of the manner in which that officer performed his duties, and especially alluded to the great responsibility which devolved on him.

The items were then carried.

The following items were next proposed :—

Condamine, Clerk of Petty Sessions	...	...	...	£175
Gayndah and Nanango—				
Police Magistrate	...	...	...	500
Clerk Petty Sessions	...	...	...	175
Warwick—				
Police Magistrate	...	...	...	500
Clerk Petty Sessions	...	...	...	175
Leybourne, Clerk of Petty Sessions	...	...	...	175

Some discussion took place with regard to £175 for a clerk at Leybourne, from which it appeared that there was scarcely any necessity for the appointment.

The estimate was eventually reduced on the motion of Mr. TAYLOR by the sum mentioned.

The sums of £10,000 for Immigration from the United Kingdom, £500 for fitting out a gold prospecting party, and £500 towards the support of paupers in colonial hospitals, were passed without opposition.

The item of £250 as the salary of a postmaster at Ipswich, was opposed by Mr. TAYLOR who thought that the management of the post-office should remain as at present until proper buildings had been erected, and the whole of the contemplated postal reforms carried out.

The COLONIAL TREASURER with the consent of the house, withdrew the item for the present.

The following items were passed without opposition :—

Roads—From Canoe Creek to Tingalpa

Creek on the road from Ipswich to					
Cleveland	...	...	...	...	£300
For the main street of Ipswich	...	...	...	...	3000
For the main street of Drayton	...	...	...	...	200
Between Bandamba Creek and Ipswich	...	...	...	...	1000
Bridge over Myall Creek	...	...	...	...	650

The whole of the items having been gone through, the house resumed and the report was adopted.

WAYS AND MEANS.

The house then resolved itself into a committee of ways and means, and passed the usual formal resolutions sanctioning the supplies granted to her Majesty.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BILL.

A message having been received from the Legislative Council, returning the above bill, the house, on the motion of the COLONIAL SECRETARY, went into committee and agreed to the amendments proposed, which were chiefly of a verbal character. The bill was then ordered to be transmitted to the Legislative Council.

PETITION OF DR. LANG.

Mr. LILLEY moved that the report of the select committee on the petition of the Rev. Dr. Lang, be now adopted. In explaining the matter, the hon. member stated that the committee had felt themselves unable to recommend any redress such as the Rev. Dr. Lang desired. They freely admitted that the Rev. gentleman's efforts in the cause of immigration were exceedingly philanthropic and beneficial to the colony, but unfortunately they seemed to have been mixed up with a kind of sectarian feeling which shut him out from any claim upon the general public. At the same time, the committee were of opinion that the Doctor's services in procuring separation were deserving of the highest commendation, and it was his intention, before the house rose, to move that a vote of thanks be tendered to him. His own opinion was that the compliment might be very appropriately accompanied by something more substantial than a mere resolution, but, of course, that was a matter for the house to consider.

The motion having been seconded,

Mr. GORE said he would not have spoken upon this subject but for certain strictures that appeared in the public press relative to the appointment of this committee, the members of which, it was alleged, were all inimical to Dr. Lang. The comments made on this occasion referred to, were of such a character that they might have been taken up as involving a matter of privilege, but he thought the best way of answering them would be by the strict impartiality of the committee as exemplified by their conduct throughout the enquiry, and in this respect he thought a most satisfactory reason had been given. (Hear, hear.) The honorable chairman who was supposed to be favorable to the Rev. Dr. Lang, and who was as able as any one to deal with a subject of this kind, had expressed his entire concurrence in the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. TAYLOR agreed with the report in every respect, but at the same time he hoped the thanks of the house would be given to the Rev. Doctor for his able and zealous services in the cause of separation. (Hear, hear.) He believed that we should not have had separation for perhaps many years to come if it had not been for the valuable services rendered by Dr. Lang, and he was inclined to think that if the rev. gentleman had approached the house upon this ground he would have been much more successful. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then put and passed.

VOTE OF THANKS TO REV. DR. LANG.

Mr. LILLEY now moved that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev. Dr. Lang for his zealous and valuable services in promoting the separation of this colony from New South Wales. The Doctor's services were already a matter of history, and their results were to be seen embodied in that house, and the useful legislation that had emanated from it during the present session. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. TAYLOR seconded the motion.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY would not allow this motion to pass without expressing the high sense he entertained of the important services the Rev. Dr. Lang had rendered to

Queensland in promoting separation. He stated at the time the committee was appointed that the speedy concession of separation was more attributable to the efforts of the Rev. Dr. Lang than to those of any one else. The rev. gentleman's predictions, as expressed in his work on "Cook'sland," had turned out to be almost prophetic, as nearly everything he had predicted was now being realised. (Hear, hear.) It was, therefore, with great pleasure that he supported the motion.

Mr. RAFF also supported the motion, and thought the vote of thanks ought to be accompanied by something more substantial.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN also spoke in favor of the motion. Praise was very cheap, and as the Rev. Doctor seemed to like praise and vainglory, by all means let him have it. (Laughter.)

Mr. BUCKLEY bore testimony to the great services rendered by Dr. Lang in the New South Wales legislature, as well as elsewhere. He also agreed with other hon. members, that the compliment ought to be accompanied by something more tangible.

The motion was then put and passed.

MINISTERIAL SALARIES.

Mr BUCKLEY moved that his house will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider of an address to the Governor praying that his Excellency will cause to be placed on the supplementary estimates for 1861 the sum of £450 to supplement the salaries of the responsible minister of the crown. He thought the exhibition of ability and industry on the treasury benches during the whole of the current session was deserving of the highest praise. (Hear, hear.) He therefore hoped that the small increase to the salaries of ministers which he now proposed would meet with unanimous approval.

Mr. GORE seconded the motion.

Mr. RAFF concurred in the propriety of the proposed increases, which was very near that proposed by the committee. He also admitted that ministers had displayed a great deal of ability during the session, and no greater proof of this could be found than the change which had taken place in the opinion of the hon. member for East Moreton with reference to the ministerial fitness of those gentlemen. (Hear, hear.)

The COLONIAL SECRETARY acknowledged the compliment, and stated it would be duly appreciated by the other members of the government.

Mr. TAYLOR cordially supported the motion, and expressed a hope that the salaries of ministers would yet be raised to £1000 a year, because, until that was done they would always have to depend upon townspeople for their ministers. It would never, under the present system, pay country gentlemen, such for instance as his hon. friend on the right (Mr Watts), and his hon. friend on the left (Mr. Ferrett), to accept office (laughter), and be compelled to reside almost exclusively in town.

Mr. BROUGHTON agreed with the motion, and remarked that the fact of the ministers having kept their places up to the present time was the greatest compliment they could have paid to them.

After a few words in support from Messrs. O'SULLIVAN, WATTS, and LILLEY, the motion was put and passed, and having been considered in committee, was finally adopted by the house.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Taylor, said that copies of the votes and proceedings, 'Government Gazettes,' and other official documents, would be furnished to hon. members in the usual way during the recess. He also said, in answer to Mr. Lilley, that the Government would endeavour to have published, as soon as possible, copies of all laws relating to the colony at present out of print.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY then moved the adjournment of the house until 11 o'clock on Tuesday, his Excellency having intimated that he would come down at 12 o'clock for the purpose of proroguing Parliament. In making this motion he took occasion to pass a high compliment on the Speaker, which was suitably acknowledged.

The motion was carried, and the house adjourned at 10 minutes to 1 o'clock.