

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

...
Legislative Council
2nd May 1861

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The PRESIDENT took the chair at 3 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with the usual form of prayer.

WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE COLONY.

Mr. GALLOWAY asked the Honourable Member representing the Government—"Whether the Government have received any dispatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Western Boundary of this Colony, and if so, whether there is any objection to lay the same upon the table of this house." He believed there was good reason for apprehending that if they did not immediately bestir themselves a large slice of their proper western boundary would be cut off."

Mr. HOBBS, in reply, stated that the whole of the correspondence bearing on the subject would be very shortly laid on the table. He had himself perused some of the papers, and among others the dispatch of the Secretary of State expressing his non-compliance with the address of the house.

In answer to a question from Mr. GALLOWAY,

Mr. HOBBS stated that the address referred to was from the House of Assembly, and in answer to a further question from Mr. YALDWYN, he explained that the 141st meridian of longitude was the one fixed by the Order in Council as the boundary of this colony, but he thought that the settlement of the real question as to the disputed country would be influenced to a great extent by the fact of priority of possession. In other words, it appeared to be the opinion of a good authority that the colony who first took possession of the "Plains of Promise" would have the best claim.

JOINT LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. HOBBS moved—"That three members be elected by ballot, to be appointed members of the Joint Library Committee, and that such appointment be signified to the Legislative Assembly, by message, requesting that it will be pleased to nominate a like number of members from its body, with a view to give effect to the 144th Joint Standing Order."

Mr. GALLOWAY thought the hon. mover was not pursuing the right course although there could be no doubt that it was the one adopted last session. It seemed to him that having already assembled a Library Committee of five members, they might by the course now proposed select three members for the Joint Committee who would not be members of the other, and consequently the proceedings of both might in some instances be antagonistic or inconsistent. He would therefore suggest that if a joint committee were to be appointed at all, the three members should be selected from the committee already appointed. (Hear, hear)

Mr. McDOUGALL, agreed with the last speaker.

Mr. PRESIDENT pointed out that the functions of the Council committee and the joint committee were widely different as the one acted for the Council exclusively, whilst the other acted for both houses. He therefore thought they would act wisely in adopting the course pursued last session although he admitted that it might be attendant with some inconvenience. However it was for the house to decide.

After some discussion, in which the CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES and Mr. BROWN took part.

Dr. FULLERTON moved as an amendment that the three members to act on the joint committee be chosen from the Library Committee already appointed.

Mr. HOBBS having expressed his assent, the amendment was put and passed, and the following members were declared to be the result of the ballot—The President, Dr. Fullerton, and Mr. Galloway.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Mr. HOBBS moved—“That three members be elected by ballot, to be appointed members of the Joint Committee for the Management and Superintendence of the Parliament Buildings, and that such appointment be signified to the Legislative Assembly, by message, requesting that it will be pleased to nominate a like number of members from its body, with a view to give effect to the 144th Joint Standing Order.” Carried.

The following were the members chosen:—Mr. Macdougall, Mr. White, and Mr. Galloway.

REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

Mr. HOBBS moved—“That three members, to be elected by ballot, be appointed members of the Joint Committee for the Management of the Refreshment Rooms, and that such appointment be signified to the Legislative Assembly, by message, requesting that they will be pleased to nominate a like number of members from its body, with a view to give effect to the 144th Joint Standing Order.” Carried.

The undermentioned members were then chosen:—Mr. Yaldwyn, the Chairman of Committees, and Mr. White.

The several resolutions as passed were ordered to be transmitted to the Assembly by message through the clerk of the house.

CORONER'S BAIL ON MANSLAUGHTER BILL.

Mr. HOBBS presented—“A Bill to enable Coroners in the Colony of Queensland to admit to bail persons charged with Manslaughter,” which was read a first time and ordered to be printed. The second reading was fixed for Wednesday next.

ADMINISTRATION OF POISON AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. HOBBS presented—“A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Unlawful Administering of Poison.”

The Bill was read a first time and ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

In answer to Mr. GALLOWAY, MR. HOBBS stated that hon. members would be furnished with printed copies of both Bills in the course of the next or succeeding day.

PAPERS.

Mr. HOBBS laid on the table the following papers:—“(1.) Copy of Despatch No. 17, of 28th June, 1860, from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle to his Excellency the Governor of Queensland, in reference to Pension for Captain Wickham. Report on the Impediments to the Navigation of the River Bremer.”

The house adjourned at three minutes to four o'clock until Wednesday next at three o'clock.