Record of the Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament

Legislative Council 4th July 1861

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The PRESIDENT took the chair at a quarter past 3 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

AUSTRALIAN SURVEY.

Dr. HOBBS laid on the table certain papers relative to a typographical survey of Australia. Ordered to be printed.

REVENUE AND AUDIT BILL.

Dr. HOBBS moved the second reading of this bill, and in doing so briefly explained its provisions, much to the same effect as the government had explained them in the other house.

The motion was then put and passed, and the bill having been read a second time, its consideration in committee was fixed as an order of the day for Thursday next.

IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS.

On the motion of Dr. HOBBS, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the Immigration Regulations, as agreed to by the Assembly.

The 6th clause being a mere repetition, was struck out, on the motion of the PRESIDENT, and the remaining clauses were assented to without opposition.

The house then resumed, and the report having been adopted, the regulations, as passed, were ordered to be returned to the Assembly.

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY.

On the motion of Dr. HOBBS, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the resolutions of the Legislative Assembly transmitted by message on the previous day.

With regard to the resolution declaring the necessity of appointing a gentleman to the distinct office of Librarian, the President, as a member of the Joint Library Committee, explained the circumstances of the case at considerable length, and to the same effect as the Attorney-General had explained them in the other house.

The several resolutions were then put and passed without amendment, and the house having resumed, the report was adopted, and the resolutions ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly.

DRAFT ON BANKERS' BILL.

Dr. HOBBS moved that this bill be read a third time.

Dr. FULLERTON, at the risk of being considered troublesome, deemed it necessary to move for a recommittal of this bill, with a view to an amendation in the first clause relative to crossed cheques. He contended as on a previous occasion, that the clause in its present form

would operate injuriously to the poor, and give an undue advantage to the rich man. He would rather see the old system continued than a system such as this. His object in making the present motion was to have the bill recommitted on Wednesday next, when it was probable they would have a much larger attendance, and when it might be reasonably supposed the question would have received a small public consideration.

Mr. FITZ had no objection to a recommittal of the bill, but at the same time he could see very little advantage to be gained by it.

Mr. YALDWYN expressed a similar opinion.

The motion for the third reading was eventually carried, and the bill having been passed in the ordinary form, it was ordered to be retransmitted to the Assembly.

The house adjourned at 25 minutes past 4 o'clock, until 3 o'clock on Wednesday next.