

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

...
Legislative Council
8th July 1862

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THE PRESIDENT took the chair at 25 minutes past 3 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had received a message from the Legislative Assembly, transmitting the resolutions with reference to the Tramway Company, and requesting concurrence therein.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the House at its rising adjourn until half-past 2 o'clock the next day, and in doing so he explained that his Excellency would come down at 3 o'clock on the same afternoon for the purpose of proroguing Parliament.

Mr. FITZ moved, by way of amendment, that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock the next morning, his object being to allow of the important business then before the House to be got through before the close of the session.

Mr. WESTERN WOOD thought it was better to wait and see what business they were likely to have brought before them.

Mr. GALLOWAY saw no use in delaying the business in the manner proposed, more especially as there was no probability, under existing circumstances, of a satisfactory conclusion being arrived at.

The amendment was then put and negatived, and the original motion was carried, namely, that the House meet at half-past two o'clock the next day.

Mr. FITZ then moved the following resolutions:—“(1.) From the precipitate legislation which has characterised the proceedings of Parliament during the present session, it is the opinion of this House,—(2.) That in order to guard against the repetition of so undesirable a course of any future occasion, the Parliament should be called together at an earlier period of the year, to afford more time for the consideration of such measures as it may be desirable for the Government to submit for their consideration. (3.) That without such careful consideration, measures are likely to be passed into crude and imperfect a state as to preclude them from proving of any permanent benefit to the colony, and by this means tend to affect materially, if not to destroy existing rights and privileges. (4.) That it would facilitate legislation in this House, if all bills which the Government purpose introducing could be placed on the table of this House within one month after the meeting of Parliament. (5.) That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to his Excellency the Governor.

The PRESIDENT ruled that unless the resolutions were opposed, they could not be passed.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL opposed them.

Mr. FITZ then moved the suspension of the standing order bearing on the subject, but there not being a sufficient quorum present, the motion fell to the ground.

TRAMWAY COMPANY.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in a few explanatory remarks much to the same effect as those delivered in the Assembly, moved the resolutions transferring the tramway property to the Government. He concluded by moving the adoption of the resolutions in question.

Mr. FITZ moved, as an amendment,—this being a very important matter—that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the resolutions in detail.

A division took place with the following result:—

Contents, 5.		Non-contents, 6.	
Mr. Balfour		Mr. Galloway	
Dr. Hobbs		Brown	
Mr. Fitz		Harris	
McConnell		Roberts	
Attorney-Gen.	(Teller.)	W. Wood	
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The original motion for the adoption of the resolutions was then put and negatived.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL stated that owing to private matters of a very pressing nature, his hon. friend the Colonial Secretary would be compelled immediately to visit England, and thus to absent himself from the colony for several months. Arrangements, however, had been made by which the public would suffer no inconvenience whatever, in consequence of his hon. colleague's absence.

The House adjourned until half-past two o'clock the next day.