

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

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**Legislative Council**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May 1863**  
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The PRESIDENT took the chair at 20 minutes past 3 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

**MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.**

The following messages from the Legislative Assembly were received:—

In answer to the message from the Legislative Council, notifying the appointment of certain members of that house to serve in the Joint Committees to be appointed under the Joint Standing Orders of the two houses, the Legislative Assembly beg to intimate to the Council that they have appointed the Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Royds, and Mr. Coxen to be members of the Joint Library Committee; the Honourable the Speaker, Mr. Macalister, and Mr. Blakeney to be members of the Joint Committee for the management of the Refreshment Rooms; the Honorable the Speaker, Mr. Macalister, and Mr. Blakeney to be members of the Joint Committee for the management and superintendence of the Parliament Buildings.

The Legislative Assembly having agreed to the following resolution:—That the Commissioners to be appointed to the Intercolonial Tariff Conference be instructed to negotiate a General Postage Tariff, similar to the rates now charged for internal postage in this colony, beg now to communicate the same to the Legislative Council for their approval and concurrence.

The Legislative Assembly having agreed to the following resolutions, viz.—(1.) That the thanks of this house be given to Matthew Henry Marsh, Esq, M.P., Arthur Hodgson, Esq., and Alfred Denison, Esq., for the ability and success with which they have acted as Commissioners representing this colony in England at the International Exhibition. (2.) That the Legislative Council be invited to concur in these resolutions, and that they be transmitted, by address, to his Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to communicate them to the above-named gentlemen, beg now to communicate the same to the Legislative Council, and to invite their concurrence therein.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved, "That the resolutions embodied in the Assembly's messages do stand an order of the day for to-morrow."

Carried.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE HOUSE.**

Mr. YALDWYN, without notice, moved the following—"That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the table of this house a copy of a despatch received from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle in reference to the future appointments of members to this council." The motion had reference to a series of resolutions, which he had submitted to the house on a former occasion, and upon which action had been taken. Those resolutions when he brought them forward two years ago were not considered favorably by the public out of doors, but he had reason to believe from what had transpired since, that both the public and hon. members would now agree with him, in thinking that the resolutions in question would lay the foundation stone of a very much improved constitution, in comparison with the one which they now enjoyed.

There being no dissent, the motion was carried.

## PAPERS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then laid on the table the following papers containing an answer to the foregoing:—

Return to address from the Legislative Council to his Excellency the Governor, in reference to a despatch received from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle relative to the future appointment of members of the Legislative Council.

The despatch and correspondence in answer to the foregoing address.

Ordered to be printed.

## JURY LAWS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL presented a bill to consolidate and amend the laws relating to juries.

The Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

## TRADING COMPANIES' AND ASSOCIATIONS' BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL presented a Bill for the Incorporation, Regulation, and Winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations.

The bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.

## INSOLVENT DEBTORS' BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL presented a Bill to Consolidate and Amend the Laws for the relief of Insolvent Debtors. Read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow fortnight.

In answer to Mr. YALDWYN,

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said the three bills would be placed in the hands of hon. members to-morrow (this morning).

Dr. HOBBS asked whether the Insolvent Bill was an adoption of the English, Irish, or Scottish laws.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL replied that it was partially adopted from the English and South Australian Laws.

## CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

Mr. GALLOWAY asked the honorable the Attorney-General—Whether the government intend to act agreeably with the resolution adopted by this house on the 9th July, 1862, to the effect "That it would greatly tend to facilitate legislation in this house, if all bills proposed to be introduced by the government could be placed on the table within one month after the meeting of parliament?"

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL replied that the government will comply with the resolution referred to by the hon. member, so far as they possibly can with reference to bills to be introduced in this house; and they are also pressing forward their business in the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of Mr. GALLOWAY, the reply was ordered to be printed.

## CORONER'S INQUESTS ON FIRES BILL.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, the house went into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering this bill in detail.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL explained the principles of the bill to the same effect as on a former occasion, and the provisions, three in number, were passed without opposition.

In the course of conversation, however, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL explained that the bill would not empower the coroner to commit for murder in cases where lives had been lost through the wilful burning of premises, inasmuch as premeditation to destroy life could not be proved.

The PRESIDENT explained that the question of murder would no doubt come out during the inquest held on the bodies.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL further explained that the jurors would be selected from the same class as now affords the panel for the trial of criminal issues.

The house then resumed, and the bill having been reported without amendment, the report was adopted, and the third reading fixed for to-morrow (this day.)

### SCAB BILL.

On the motion of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, the Scab Bill, as received by message that day from the Legislative Assembly, was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow. He explained that the only object of the bill was to prevent the introduction into the colony of a most destructive disease. He further stated, in answer to Mr. Galloway, that he now laid copies of the bill on the table.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE HOUSE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, before moving the adjournment of the house, laid a bill on the table touching Dr. Fullerton's notice of motion, but at the same time disclaimed any official responsibility for having done so.

The house adjourned at four o'clock until the next day.