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occurring was the object of the 4th clause of the Bill. He trusted the measure would meet with the concurrence of the House.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Friday, 1 September, 1865.*

Hospitals Bill, 2<sup>o</sup>.

##### HOSPITALS BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Hospitals Bill, the principal object of which, he said, was to give the Government a proportionate representation in the committee of management of any hospital corresponding to the amount contributed by the State towards the support of such hospital. He thought honorable gentlemen would admit that it was only fair and right that, as the State contributed a large portion of the funds by which hospitals were maintained, the Government should have some voice in saying how such funds should be expended. There was a clause in the Bill providing that the whole management of a hospital might be assumed by the Government—that was where the hospital was entirely built at the public expense, and where two-thirds of the current expenses were contributed by the State. In such cases, also, it would be lawful for the Government to appoint the whole of the medical officers. The 4th clause was to remedy an evil that had been found to exist in respect to the balloting for officers. It had been found that persons might be picked up in the street who would pay a pound to the funds of the hospital, and be thus qualified to vote personally or by proxy. In this way a committee, though obnoxious to *bonâ fide* subscribers, might secure their re-election. To prevent such a thing again