

Queensland



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Legislative Council

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 1868

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The motion was agreed to, and the committee retired to consider the address.

The Honorable H. B. FITZ, on the return of the committee, brought up the address agreed to, which was as follows :—

“ MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

“ May it Please Your Majesty,—

“ We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of the Legislative Council of Queensland, in Parliament assembled, take the earliest opportunity afforded us to express our indignation at the late atrocious attempt on the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and the deep sympathy we feel towards your Majesty.

“ We renew our expressions of devoted attachment to the throne and person of your Most Gracious Majesty, and record our sincere satisfaction at the recovery of His Royal Highness, and his safe return to his native shores.”

The Honorable H. B. FITZ, in moving the adoption of the address, after it had been read by the Clerk, said he thought the colonists might well congratulate themselves that the attempt on the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh was not made in Queensland. It was unnecessary that he should say much in moving the adoption of the address to Her Majesty that had just been read. There was no doubt that the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the Australian colonies would be of vast importance, and he would not be astonished if it should lead to important results. He would not be astonished if it should lead to one of Her Majesty's sons being placed over the country, and to the formation of a federal Government for the Australian colonies. He understood that His Royal Highness did not leave this colony with very favorable impressions received from some quarter—so he had been told ; but he excused the colony on the grounds of its being young and inexperienced. He had been told that His Royal Highness expressed himself as not at all favorable to some of the Queensland colonists ; but, however that might be, the colonists might congratulate themselves that the attempt on his life was not made in this colony.

The motion was agreed to.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL then moved—

That the address, as adopted by the Council, be forwarded to His Excellency, for transmission in the usual way.

Agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, 6 August, 1868.

Address of Sympathy and Congratulation to Her Majesty.

ADDRESS OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATION TO HER MAJESTY.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL moved, without previous notice—

That a select committee be appointed to prepare and bring up an address to Her Majesty the Queen, of condolence on the attempted assassination of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and of congratulation upon the safe arrival of His Royal Highness in England,—such committee to consist of the Honorable H. B. FITZ, the Honorable J. F. McDougall, the Honorable G. Harris, the Honorable W. Thornton, and the mover.