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Legislative Council

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1868

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THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

DURING THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH PARLIAMENT OF THE COLONY
OF QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA,

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE, ON THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE THIRTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE
REIGN OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1868.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 17 November, 1868.

Meeting of Parliament.

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The House met at Twelve o'clock, pursuant to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, convening Parliament "for the despatch of business."

The Honorable the PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council, with the Honorable D. F. ROBERTS, and the Honorable T. L. MURRAY PRIOR (Postmaster-General), appeared as Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony, to open and hold the present Parliament.

The Clerk of the Parliaments read the Proclamation.

The PRESIDENT then acquainted the House, that the Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, had been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, in order to the Opening and Holding of this Parliament. The Commissioners being seated, the PRESIDENT in the chair, the Honorable D. F. ROBERTS, on the right of the chair, and the Honorable T. L. MURRAY PRIOR (Postmaster-General), on the left of the chair, the Usher of the Black Rod was commanded to acquaint the members of the Legislative Assembly, that the Commissioners desired their immediate attendance to hear the Commission read.

The members of the Legislative Assembly having been introduced by the Usher of the Black Rod, and having taken their places below the Bar,

The PRESIDENT said :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGIS-
LATIVE ASSEMBLY—

His Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been

pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners, to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of the Colony, in order to the Opening and Holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which I now direct the Clerk of the Parliaments to read.

Whereupon the Clerk read the Commission.

The PRESIDENT then said :

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGIS-
LATIVE ASSEMBLY—

We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor, to let you know—That as soon as the members of both Houses shall have been sworn, the causes of this Parliament being called together will be declared to you ; and, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker, and that you present such person, so chosen, to His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency's approval, at Government House, to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock.

The members of the Assembly having withdrawn,

The PRESIDENT produced a Commission, constituting him and other members of the Council therein named, Commissioners to administer the Oath required by law to be taken by members of the Council, which Commission was read by the Clerk. The President then took the Oath and subscribed the Roll ; and the other Commissioners (the

Honorable D. F. Roberts, and the Honorable T. L. Murray Prior,) also took the Oath and subscribed the Roll. The members in the House then severally presented themselves, and took the Oath before the Commissioners, and subscribed the Roll.