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**Legislative Council**

**THURSDAY, 20 APRIL 1871**

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"I am quite sure the various important matters committed to your deliberations will receive, as you say, your earnest attention.

"M. C. O'CONNELL.

"Government House,

"Brisbane, 14th April, 1871."

APPOINTMENT OF THE HON. G. ELLIOTT  
AS COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF  
ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL laid upon the table of the House, copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which was read by the Clerk as follows :—

"Downing street,  
"11th February, 1871.

"(Queensland, No. 6.)

"SIR,—I have received Colonel Blackall's Despatch, No. 96, of 29th November, reporting the appointment of Mr. Gilbert Elliott, the late Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to be a member of the Legislative Council; and I am glad to learn that the Legislature will thus continue to have the benefit of his high character and experience.

"I have had much satisfaction in recommending to Her Majesty to mark Her appreciation of Mr. Elliott's long and honorable service by appointing him a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

"I have, &c.,

"KIMBERLEY.

"The Officer Administering the Government of Queensland."

The despatch, on the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, was ordered to be printed. The honorable gentleman said he felt sure the House and the country would be glad to hear that this honor had been conferred upon a gentleman whose high character, and long services, had so completely gained their esteem. He begged to offer his congratulations to the honorable member.

The Hon. H. B. FITZ said it afforded him great pleasure to congratulate his honorable friend, Mr. Elliott, on this occasion, more especially as he was a member of the Council. He felt that honorable members would also congratulate themselves in having the benefit of that honorable gentleman's great experience to solve any difficult questions that might arise.

The Hon. G. ELLIOTT thanked honorable members for their kind congratulations. It was most gratifying to him as a member of that House to receive them. He felt grateful to the memory of their late lamented Governor, who had recommended him to this distinction. His thanks were also due to the Secretary of State, for suggesting to Her Majesty that this great honor should be conferred upon him. He would only repeat his thanks for the kind way in which the announcement had been received.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Thursday, 20 April, 1871.*

Address in Reply to Opening Speech.—Appointment of the Hon. G. Elliott as Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO OPENING  
SPEECH.

The ACTING-PRESIDENT reported that the Address in reply to the Opening Speech had been presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and that His Excellency had been pleased to deliver the following Reply :—

"MR. ROBERTS AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

"HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,—

"I cordially thank you for your Address, and for the renewed assurance it contains of your loyalty and affection towards the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign.