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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*Tuesday, 3 August, 1875.*

Despatch of Business.—Supply.—Adjournment.

## DESPATCH OF BUSINESS.

The COLONIAL TREASURER, pursuant to notice, moved—

That during the remainder of the present session, unless otherwise ordered, this House will meet for the despatch of business at 3 p.m., instead of 10 a.m., on Fridays; and that Government business take precedence on Friday in each week, in addition to the other days on which precedence has already been given by sessional order.

Mr. PALMER said he was not going to oppose the motion, but he had not allowed it to pass as a formal one, as he wished to elicit from the honorable member at the head of the Government, what course he intended to pursue with regard to business during the present week.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY was understood to say, that so far as the Government were concerned at present, they intended to go on with Supply that afternoon, and to adjourn over Wednesday and Thursday until Friday afternoon.

Mr. PALMER said there would be no objection to the motion if the Government would adjourn over Friday as well. As far as he was personally concerned, it was a matter of indifference to him, but he believed that many honorable members had gone into the country, and that it would be a great inconvenience to them to be hurried back by Friday. It was simply on that account that he wished the Government to say that they would not meet on Friday; if they would do that, he would not offer any objection to the arrangement for sitting on Friday evenings during the remainder of the session.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said he was anxious to meet the wishes of honorable

members on all points; at the same time, a great deal would depend upon what progress they made with the Estimates that evening. As the honorable member was aware, a great deal of the Estimates had yet to be passed, and until they were passed, the civil servants would not be paid their salaries; it would depend upon the progress that was made whether the Government could consent to the adjournment over Friday.

Mr. THOMPSON thought they could hardly accept such terms as those proposed, as they could not be bound by what honorable members might consider it their duty to do in regard to the Estimates, nor could they undertake to facilitate the passing of them. He would take that opportunity of referring to a matter in which he was interested, namely, that owing to the Government having amused themselves with calling out "not formal" to motions which were purely of a formal nature, there were two motions of his which had got down to the bottom of the business paper. There was the "Stamp Duties Bill," which he believed the honorable Colonial Treasurer was in favor of—

The COLONIAL TREASURER: No.

Mr. THOMPSON: Well, he had understood that the honorable member would not oppose it; and there was also a matter connected with the Queensland Acclimatisation Society. The latter might, he dared say, be otherwise arranged, but he was very anxious that the Stamp Duties Bill should be passed during the present session.

Mr. DOUGLAS thought there could not be very much harm in acceding to the wishes of honorable members opposite. He had understood, when the question of adjournment was previously before the House, that it was intended they should meet on Thursday as well as on Friday, and he had a motion which he was particularly desirous of bringing forward on the former day, but he now understood that it was proposed to adjourn until Friday. He believed, also, that there was to be a special train on the Wednesday, so that the honorable members who wished to visit the show at Toowoomba could return on the same day, and they could proceed with business on Thursday. However, as it was arranged that they were not to meet on Thursday, he should not put himself in opposition to the rest of the House. With regard to Friday, he did not think it would matter much whether they met on that day or not, especially as the honorable member for Port Curtis had given a pledge that he would on all future Fridays try to facilitate the business as much as possible. Probably, with that pledge, it would be better if they were to view Friday as a day over which they might with propriety adjourn; and he thought that when the House rose the honorable member at the head of the Government would find that sufficient progress had been made with the Estimates to warrant him in acceding to

that proposition. In regard to the Estimates, he understood that the civil servants were being paid in those departments only which had passed through the committee, and he thought, therefore, that it was desirable that the other salaries should be passed as soon as possible.

Mr. PALMER wished to state, as a matter of explanation, that he should like the honorable member for Maryborough to leave him to make his own pledges. He had not given any pledge to the Government, whatever.

Mr. DOUGLAS said, that if the honorable member had not given a pledge, he had at least indicated that if the Government consented to adjourn over the approaching Friday, he would not object to their sitting on future Friday evenings.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY thought the question of adjournment was one which might very well be left till the rising of the House.

Question put and passed.

#### SUPPLY.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved—

That the Speaker leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of Supply.

Question put and passed.

The House resumed.

The COLONIAL TREASURER moved—

That the committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday, the 10th August.

Question put and passed.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said, in reference to the discussion which had taken place at an earlier hour of the sitting, that as it was then very late, and it appeared to be the wish of honorable members that there should be no House on Friday, he would move—

That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 10th of August.

Question put and passed.