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**Legislative Council**

**TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 1879**

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# DEBATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

DURING THE

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

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE, ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE FORTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE REIGN  
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1879.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Tuesday, 14 January, 1879.*

Meeting of Parliament.—Members Sworn.

### MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS of the Council were in attendance in their Chamber at twelve o'clock, noon, pursuant to proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, appointing the Session to commence this day, "for the despatch of business."

Sir MAURICE CHARLES O'CONNELL, Knight, President; the Honourable CHARLES STUART MEIN, Postmaster-General; and the Honourable JOHN CHRISTIAN HEUSSLER, presented themselves as Commissioners.

The PRESIDENT acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present, to-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.

A message was despatched by the Usher of the Black Rod, to inform the Legislative Council that the Commissioners desired their presence to hear the Commission read.

On the Legislative Assembly being introduced, and taking the place reserved for them below the bar,

The PRESIDENT said:

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—

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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 Acting-Clerk of the Parliaments to read.

Thereupon the Acting-Clerk of Parliaments read the said Commission.

The PRESIDENT then said:

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE 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 such time as His Excellency shall appoint.

Whereupon the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The PRESIDENT produced a Commission constituting him and other honourable members therein named, as above, Commissioners to administer the oath required by law to be taken by members of the Legislative Council.

The Acting-Clerk read the Commission.

Whereupon the President and the other Commissioners took the oath and subscribed the roll of the House, and the following members severally presented themselves and were duly sworn :—

The Honourable T. L. Murray-Prior,  
The Honourable J. F. McDougall,  
The Honourable A. H. Brown,  
The Honourable F. H. Hart,  
The Honourable F. T. Gregory,  
The Honourable W. D. White,  
The Honourable W. Thornton,  
The Honourable D. F. Roberts,  
The Honourable J. Swan,  
The Honourable W. Pettigrew,  
The Honourable G. Edmondstone,  
The Honourable J. S. Turner.

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