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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*Friday, 17 January, 1879.*

Address in Reply to Opening Speech.—Resignation of  
the Ministry.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO OPENING  
SPEECH.

Mr. MCILWRAITH moved—

That the Assembly proceed to Government House, there to present to His Excellency the Governor the Address in Reply to the Opening Speech which has been delivered by His Excellency.

Question put and passed.

The SPEAKER, accompanied by honourable members, accordingly proceeded to Government House.

The SPEAKER, on returning, announced that the Assembly had been to Government House, and there presented to the

Governor their reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

"MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN,—

"I thank you on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen for the renewed expression of loyalty and affection towards Her Majesty's person and Government.

"A. E. KENNEDY.

"Government House,

"Brisbane, 17th January, 1879."

#### RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTRY.

The PREMIER (Mr. Douglas) : Mr. Speaker,—I have to state that, in consequence of the vote arrived at last night, I waited upon His Excellency the Governor this morning, and tendered to him the resignation of myself and my colleagues as members of the Executive Council. His Excellency was good enough to accept my resignation, and to request me to hold office until our successors have been appointed. I mentioned to His Excellency that the amendment on the Address in Reply had been moved by the honourable gentleman opposite, the member for Mulgrave, and I understand that since then His Excellency has taken some steps towards the formation of a Government. After consultation with the honourable the leader of the Opposition, it has been arranged that I should move the adjournment of the House until Tuesday next, at three o'clock, in order to give the honourable gentleman the requisite time for the formation of his Ministry.

Mr. McILWRAITH : Mr. Speaker,—At the request of His Excellency, I waited upon him this morning, and he informed me that the present Ministry had resigned, and entrusted to me the task and responsibility of forming a Ministry, which responsibility I have undertaken. It will be convenient to me, at all events, that the House should adjourn until Tuesday next, as suggested by the Premier.

The House adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock.