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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.*Thursday, 11 August, 1881.*

Messages from the Legislative Assembly.—Insanity Bill—committee.—Adjournment.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at 4 o'clock.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had received messages from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, intimating that the Assembly had passed the Bêche-de-mer and Pearl-shell Fishery Bill, the Criminals Expulsion Bill, and the Intercolonial Warrants Bill, and requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council in the same.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the Bills were severally read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 24th instant.

INSANITY BILL—COMMITTEE.

On the motion of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, the House went into Committee to consider this Bill in detail.

Preamble postponed.

On clause 1—"Short title and division"—

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said that, while perfectly willing to discuss any debatable matter that might arise during the passage of the Bill through committee, it was hardly necessary for him to initiate any discussion, as all the details of the measure had been thoroughly considered on previous occasions by the Chamber.

Clauses 1 and 74 passed as printed.

On clause 75—"Curator in Insanity"—

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said the clause had been altered three times. Originally it was the Master in Equity, afterwards the Curator of Intestate Estates, and now it was left in a sort of unfixed position at the disposal of the Governor in Council. It had been pointed out to the Government—and properly so—that nearly the whole of the remaining portion of the Bill could only be properly understood and worked by a lawyer or person of legal attainments; and the Government, therefore, thought it better not to vest the appointment in any particular officer, but to leave it with the Governor in Council, the understanding, of course, being that some gentleman of legal knowledge would be appointed to the office. That was the reason why the clause appeared in its present shape.

Clause passed as printed.

Clauses 76 to 156 inclusive, passed as printed.

Schedules 1 to 16 inclusive, and preamble, passed as printed.

The CHAIRMAN reported the Bill to the House without amendment; the report was adopted; and the third reading of the Bill made an Order of the Day for Thursday, the 25th instant.

ADJOURNMENT.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL (who at an earlier period of the sitting had given notice of his intention to move that the House on its rising do adjourn till Wednesday, the 24th instant) said that with the permission of the House he would withdraw the motion, with a view to the House meeting on Wednesday next. Since giving the notice he had received information that it was the intention of the other branch of the Legislature to propose an

Address to the two Royal Princes who were about to visit Brisbane; and he felt certain that both Houses would desire to participate in that act of loyalty. He should not have given the notice had he been aware that the Princes would have been willing to receive such an Address; but such was the case, and in duty and loyalty they would willingly join the Assembly in presenting an Address to the Princes who were about to honour the colony by their presence.

Motion withdrawn accordingly, and the House, at twenty minutes past 5 o'clock, adjourned till the usual hour on Wednesday next.