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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 16 August, 1881.

Petition.—Legal Practitioners Bill—explanation.—
Address to the Royal Princes.—Estimates for
1881-2.—Appropriation Bill No. 1.—The Detached
Squadron.—Adjournment.

The SPEAKER took the chair at half-past
3 o'clock.

PETITION.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN presented a petition from
Mrs. Sarah Dyas, widow of the late Mr. George
Dyas, first-class sub-inspector of the Native Police
Force, who was murdered by aborigines in January

last, setting forth the services of her late husband, and praying that the House would grant her such relief as might be deemed necessary.

Petition read and received.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL— EXPLANATION.

Mr. LUMLEY HILL said he would take this opportunity of intimating to any hon. members who might have objections or amendments to the Bill which he brought in last Thursday night—the Legal Practitioners Bill—that he was anxious that such objections or amendments should be made in writing, so that they might be printed before the measure came on for discussion. This was the first time that he had had charge of a Bill, and he was quite aware that he was not fully able to cope with some of the legal talent in amendments that might have the effect of rendering the Bill nugatory. He should like, therefore, to consider the amendments before discussion, and no doubt other hon. members were anxious in the same direction.

ADDRESS TO THE ROYAL PRINCES.

The PREMIER (Mr. McIlwraith): When the House adjourned last Thursday I intimated that it would be called together to-day mainly for the purpose of passing a loyal Address to our Royal visitors. By the leave of the House—for I have not had time to give notice beforehand—I will move—

1. That a loyal Address of Welcome, on the occasion of their first visit to Queensland, be presented to their Royal Highnesses Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward and Prince George Frederick Albert, of Wales.

2. That the following be the form of the proposed Address, namely:—

"To their Royal Highnesses Prince ALBERT VICTOR CHRISTIAN EDWARD and Prince GEORGE FREDERICK ERNEST ALBERT, of Wales, Princes of the Blood Royal of England.

"We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, in Parliament assembled, desire to offer to Your Royal Highnesses our most respectful and warm welcome on your first visit to this the youngest of the Australian Colonies, and to convey to you the expression of that loyalty to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty which, as the representatives of the people of Queensland, we know so strongly characterises Her Majesty's subjects in this part of her dominions.

"We regret that the short stay of the Squadron in these waters will render it impossible for your Royal Highnesses to form an adequate idea of the resources of this colony, the people of which it is our privilege to represent; but we venture to hope that your visit, brief though it be, may create in the minds of your Royal Highnesses an interest in the future of Queensland; and that, should it again become our privilege to bid you welcome, you will find that the colony has attained a large measure of the importance which, as an appanage of the Crown, is her inevitable destiny.

"We wish your Royal Highnesses a prosperous career, and trust that your voyage may meet with a successful and happy termination."

I have no words to add to what we have embodied in the Address. No speech of mine would make the matter clearer, or express our loyalty in better terms. I therefore now submit the proposition to the House.

The Hon. S. W. GRIFFITH: I rise with very great pleasure to second the motion made by the leader of the Government. I agree with him that the language of the Address conveys adequately the welcome that will be offered to our distinguished visitors by every person in the colony. Any speech would be entirely out of

place, and I need only say again that I have very great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Question put and passed.

The PREMIER moved that the Address, as adopted by the House, be presented to their Royal Highnesses by Mr. Speaker, accompanied by such members of the House as should see fit to attend on the occasion. He (the Premier) could not intimate exactly the hour when the Address would be received, but members would be informed of it by circular during that evening. The presentation would take place on Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

ESTIMATES FOR 1881-2.

The SPEAKER announced receipt of a message from His Excellency the Governor, forwarding the Estimates-in-Chief for the year 1881-2.

The PREMIER moved that the message, together with the Estimates, be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 1.

The SPEAKER announced receipt of a message from the Governor, stating that His Excellency had been pleased to assent to this Bill.

The PREMIER said that, with reference to the message which had just been read, he wished to offer a short explanation to the House with regard to the fulfilment of a promise made by him to the hon. the leader of the Opposition—that he would represent the protest made by that gentleman to His Excellency before he signed the Bill. He understood that the hon. gentleman did not wish him to represent his protest verbally, but that he would himself put it into writing, as he had intimated to the Attorney-General. He (the Premier) had, therefore, said nothing about it, and he wished to let the hon. gentleman understand that no protest had gone in from him.

THE DETACHED SQUADRON.

The PREMIER informed the House that he had just received a telegraphic message to the effect that the Squadron was just at the anchorage; whether the ships were anchored or not he could not say. Possibly the Princes would not get up before dark.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of the PREMIER, the House adjourned at eight minutes to 4 o'clock until the usual hour on Tuesday next.