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DURING THE

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### TWELFTH PARLIAMENT.

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# FIRST SESSION OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF QUEENSLAND.

1896.

## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

President—His Excellency The Right Honourable CHARLES WALLACE ALEXANDER NAPIER, Baron Lamington, of Lamington, in the County of Lanark, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies. [Assumed office, 9th April, 1896.]

The Hon. Sir ARTHUR HUNTER PALMER, K.C.M.G., acted as Lieutenant-Governor from the departure of His Excellency Sir HENRY WYLIE NORMAN, 14th November, 1895, until the assumption of office by His Excellency Lord Lamington, 9th April, 1896.

*With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.*

Vice-President, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Treasurer—The Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, K.C.M.G. (*Murilla*).

Home Secretary—The Honourable HORACE TOZER, Esquire (*Wide Bay*).

Attorney-General—The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Esquire (*Warwick*).

Secretary for Mines and Secretary for Railways—The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire (*Townsville*).

Secretary for Public Instruction and Secretary for Public Works—The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire (*Mackay*).

Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire (*Carnarvon*).

*With Seats in the Legislative Council.*

Postmaster-General and Secretary for Agriculture—The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable ANDREW HENRY BARLOW.

*Without a Seat in the Legislature.*

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable Sir THOMAS McILWRAITH, K.C.M.G., LL.D.

## CHANGES DURING THE RECESS.

On 22nd April, 1896, the Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire, was appointed a member of the Executive Council, without Portfolio.

On 6th May, 1896, the following resignations were accepted:—

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, as Postmaster-General;

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, as Secretary for Mines, Secretary for Public Works, and Secretary for Railways;

The Honourable ANDREW HENRY BARLOW, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Lands and Agriculture; and

The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Instruction.

On the same day the following appointments were made:—

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, to be Postmaster-General and Secretary for Agriculture;

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, to be Secretary for Mines and Secretary for Railways;

The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire, to be Secretary for Public Instruction and Secretary for Public Works; and

The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire, to be Secretary for Public Lands.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### LIST OF MEMBERS.

President—The Honourable Sir ARTHUR HUNTER PALMER, K.C.M.G.

Chairman of Committees and Presiding Chairman—The Honourable FREDERICK THOMAS BRENTNALL.

APLIN, Honourable WILLIAM.

\*BARLOW, Honourable ANDREW HENRY.

BOX, Honourable WILLIAM DRAPER.

BROOKES, Honourable WILLIAM.

BULCOCK, Honourable ROBERT.

BUZACOTT, Honourable CHARLES HARDIE.

CLEWETT, Honourable FELIX.

COWLISHAW, Honourable JAMES.

DEANE, Honourable JOHN.

FERGUSON, Honourable JOHN.

FORREST, Honourable EDWARD BARROW.

FORREST, Honourable WILLIAM.

GRAY, Honourable GEORGE WILKIE.

GREGORY, Honourable AUGUSTUS CHARLES,

C.M.G.

HART, Honourable FREDERICK HAMILTON.

HEUSLER, Honourable JOHN CHRISTIAN.

HOLBERTON, Honourable FREDERICK HURRELL.

LALOR, Honourable JAMES.

LAMBERT, Honourable WILLIAM FREDERICK

†MACANSH, Honourable JOHN DONALD.

MACPHERSON, Honourable PETER.

MARKS, Honourable CHARLES FERDINAND, M.D.

\*MOREHEAD, Honourable BOYD DUNLOP.

MOSMAN, Honourable HUGH.

NORTON, Honourable ALBERT.

PERKINS, Honourable PATRICK.

POWER, Honourable WILLIAM GRENE.

RAFE, Honourable ALEXANDER.

SMITH, Honourable JAMES THORNELOE.

SMYTH, Honourable JOSEPH CAPEL.

TAYLOR, Honourable WILLIAM FREDERICK, M.D.

THYNNE, Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH.

TURNER, Honourable JOHN SARGENT.

TYSON, Honourable JAMES.

WILSON, Honourable ANDREW HERON.

WILSON, Honourable WALTER HORATIO.

WOOD, Honourable HENRY CONWELL.

At the opening of the Session, 16th June, 1896, the President announced the resignations of:—

The Honourable THOMAS BRIDSON CRIEB and

The Honourable THOMAS MACDONALD-PATERSON.

\* Appointment announced 16th June, 1896.

† Death announced 4th August, 1896.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

Speaker—The Honourable ALFRED SANDLINGS COWLEY, Esquire (*Herbert*).

Chairman of Committees—JOHN THOMAS ANNEAR, Esquire (*Maryborough*).

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM DRAYTON, Esquire (*Lockyer*).  
 BARTHOLOMEW, JOHN, Esquire (*Maryborough*).  
 BATTERSBY, MATTHEW, Esquire (*Moreton*).  
 BELL, JOSHUA THOMAS, Esquire (*Dalby*).  
 BOLES, JASON, Esquire (*Port Curtis*).  
 BRIDGES, THOMAS, Esquire (*Nundah*).  
 BROWNE, WILLIAM HENRY, Esquire (*Croydon*).  
 BYRNES, The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH, Esquire (*Warwick*).  
 CALLAN, ALBERT JAMES, Esquire (*Fitzroy*).  
 CASTLING, WILLIAM JOSEPH, Esquire (*Townsville*).  
 CHATAWAY, JAMES VINCENT, Esquire (*Mackay*).  
 COLLINS, ROBERT MARTIN, Esquire (*Albert*).  
 CORFIELD, WILLIAM HENRY, Esquire (*Gregory*).  
 CRIBB, THOMAS BRIDSON, Esquire (*Ipswich*).  
 CROMBIE, JAMES, Esquire (*Warrego*).  
 CROSS, JOHN MICHAEL, Esquire (*Clermont*).  
 CURTIS, GEORGE SILAS, Esquire (*Rockhampton*).  
 DALRYMPLE, The Honourable DAVID HAY, Esquire (*Mackay*).  
 DANIELS, HENRY, Esquire (*Cambooya*).  
 DAWSON, ANDERSON, Esquire (*Charters Towers*).  
 DIBLEY, THOMAS, Esquire (*Woolloongabba*).  
 DICKSON, The Honourable JAMES ROBERT, Esquire (*Bulimba*).  
 \*DONALDSON, JOHN, Esquire (*Logan*).  
 DRAKE, JAMES GEORGE, Esquire (*Enoggera*).  
 DUNSFORD, JOHN HENRY, Esquire (*Charters Towers*).  
 FINNEY, THOMAS, Esquire (*Toowoong*).  
 FITZGERALD, CHARLES BORROMEIO, Esquire (*Mitchell*).  
 FOGARTY, JOHN, Esquire (*Drayton and Toowoomba*).  
 FOXTON, The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW, Esquire (*Carnarvon*).  
 FRASER, ROBERT, Esquire (*Brisbane North*).  
 GLASSEY, THOMAS, Esquire (*Bundaberg*).  
 GRIMES, SAMUEL, Esquire (*Oxley*).  
 GROOM, WILLIAM HENRY, Esquire (*Drayton and Toowoomba*).  
 HAMILTON, JOHN, Esquire (*Cook*).  
 HARDACRE, HERBERT FREEMONT, Esquire (*Leichhardt*).  
 HOOLAN, JOHN, Esquire (*Burke*).  
 JACKSON, GEORGE, Esquire (*Kennedy*).  
 †KEOGH, DENIS THOMAS, Esquire (*Rosewood*).  
 KERR, GEORGE, Esquire (*Barcoo*).  
 KIDSTON, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Rockhampton*).  
 KING, ROBERT, Esquire (*Maranoa*).  
 LEAHY, JOHN, Esquire (*Bulloo*).  
 LISSNER, ISIDOR, Esquire (*Cairns*).  
 LORD, FREDERICK, Esquire (*Stanley*).  
 MACDONALD-PATERSON, THOMAS, Esquire (*Brisbane North*).  
 MCCORD, WILLIAM FOSTER, Esquire (*Burnett*).  
 McDONALD, CHARLES, Esquire (*Flinders*).  
 McDONNELL, FRANK, Esquire (*Fortitude Valley*).  
 MCGAHAN, THOMAS, Esquire (*Cunningham*).  
 McMASTER, JOHN, Esquire (*Fortitude Valley*).  
 MURRAY, JOHN, Esquire (*Normanby*).  
 NELSON, The Honourable SIR HUGH MUIR, K.C.M.G. (*Murilla*).  
 NEWELL, JOHN, Esquire (*Woothakata*).  
 O'CONNELL, WILLIAM HENRY BLIGH, Esquire (*Musgrave*).  
 PETRIE, ANDREW LANG, Esquire (*Toombul*).  
 PHILP, The Honourable ROBERT, Esquire (*Townsville*).  
 SIM, GEORGE CHARLES, Esquire (*Carpentaria*).  
 SMITH, ROBERT HARRISON, Esquire (*Boven*).  
 SMYTH, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Gympie*).  
 STEPHENS, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Brisbane South*).  
 STEPHENSON, ALFRED JOHN, Esquire (*Ipswich*).  
 STEWART, JAMES CHARLES, Esquire (*Rockhampton North*).  
 STODART, JAMES, Esquire (*Logan*).  
 STORY, GEORGE WILLIAM BENNETT, Esquire (*Bulonne*).  
 STUMM, JACOB, Esquire (*Gympie*).  
 THOMAS, LEWIS, Esquire (*Bundamba*).  
 THORN, The Honourable GEORGE (*Passifern*).  
 THORN, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Aubigny*).  
 TOOTH, NICHOLAS EDWARD NELSON, Esquire (*Burrum*).  
 TOZER, The Honourable HORACE, Esquire (*Wide Bay*).  
 TURLEY, HENRY, Esquire (*Brisbane South*).

\* Resigned, 30th June, 1896; took his seat on re-election, 14th July, 1896; death announced, 28th July, 1896.

† Unseated on Petition, 11th August, 1896; took his seat on re-election, 1st September, 1896.

‡ Took his seat 19th August, 1893, *vice* Mr. John Donaldson, deceased.

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## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

President—His Excellency The Right Honourable CHARLES WALLACE ALEXANDER NAPIER, Baron Lamington of Lamington, in the County of Lanark, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies. [Assumed office, 9th April, 1896.]

Lieutenant-Governor—The Honourable Sir ARTHUR HUNTER PALMER, K.C.M.G., President of the Legislative Council.

*With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.*

Vice-President, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Treasurer—The Right Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, P.C., K.C.M.G. (*Murilla*).

Attorney-General—The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Esquire (*Warwick*).

Home Secretary—The Honourable Sir HORACE TOZER, K.C.M.G. (*Wide Bay*).

Secretary for Mines—The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire (*Townsville*).

Secretary for Public Instruction and Secretary for Public Works—The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire (*Mackay*).

Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire (*Carnarvon*).

Postmaster-General and Secretary for Railways—The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON (*Bulimba*).

*With Seats in the Legislative Council.*

Secretary for Agriculture—The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable ANDREW HENRY BARLOW.

*\* Without a Seat in the Legislature.*

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable Sir THOMAS McILWRAITH, K.C.M.G., LL.D.

## CHANGES DURING THE RECESS.

On 25th February, 1897, the following resignation was accepted:—

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, as Secretary for Mines and Secretary for Railways.

On the same day the following appointments were made:—

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, to be Secretary for Mines; and

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, to be Secretary for Railways.

On 31st March, 1897, the following resignations were accepted:—

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, as Postmaster-General and Secretary for Agriculture;

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, as Secretary for Railways.

On the same day the following appointments were made:—

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, as Secretary for Agriculture; and

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, as Postmaster-General and Secretary for Railways.

## TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE PREMIER AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Honourable Sir HORACE TOZER, K.C.M.G., Home Secretary, to be Acting Premier and Chief Secretary;

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, to be Acting Treasurer; and

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE was gazetted as Acting Attorney-General, but the active duties of the office were performed by the Honourable W. H. Wilson.

## CHANGE DURING THE SESSION.

On 9th December, 1897, the following resignation was accepted:—

The Honourable Sir THOMAS McILWRAITH, K.C.M.G., LL.D., as Minister without portfolio.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

### LIST OF MEMBERS.

President—The Honourable Sir ARTHUR HUNTER PALMER, K.C.M.G.

Chairman of Committees and Presiding Chairman—The Honourable FREDERICK THOMAS BRENTNALL.

† ALLAN, Honourable WILLIAM

APLIN, Honourable WILLIAM.

† ARCHIBALD, Honourable JOHN

BARLOW, Honourable ANDREW HENRY.

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FORREST, Honourable WILLIAM.

GRAY, Honourable GEORGE WILKIE.

GREGORY, Honourable AUGUSTUS CHARLES, C.M.G.

HART, Honourable FREDERICK HAMILTON.

HEUSSLER, Honourable JOHN CHRISTIAN.

HOLBERTON, Honourable FREDERICK HURRELL.

At the opening of the Session, 15th June, 1897, the Presiding Chairman announced the resignation of The Honourable WILLIAM BROOKES.

LALOR, Honourable JAMES.

LAMBERT, Honourable WILLIAM FREDERICK

MACPHERSON, Honourable PETER.

MARKS, Honourable CHARLES FERDINAND, M.D.

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† Appointment announced, 15th June, 1897.

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## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

President—His Excellency The Right Honourable CHARLES WALLACE ALEXANDER NAPIER, Baron Lamington of Lamington, in the County of Lanark, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, K.C.M.G., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies. [Assumed office, 9th April, 1896.]

### *With Seats in the Legislative Assembly.*

Vice-President, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General—The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Esquire (*Warwick*).

Home Secretary—The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G. (*Bulimba*).

Treasurer and Secretary for Mines—The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire (*Townsville*).

Secretary for Public Instruction—The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire (*Mackay*).

Secretary for Public Lands—The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire (*Carnarvon*).

Secretary for Railways and Secretary for Public Works—The Honourable JOHN MURRAY, Esquire (*Normanby*).

Secretary for Agriculture—The Honourable JAMES VINCENT CHATAWAY, Esquire (*Mackay*).

### *With Seats in the Legislative Council.*

Postmaster-General—The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON, Esquire.

Minister without Portfolio—The Honourable ANDREW HENRY BARLOW, Esquire.

## CHANGES DURING THE RECESS.

On 23rd February, 1898, JAMES VINCENT CHATAWAY, Esquire, was appointed a member of the Executive Council.

On 2nd March, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Honourable Sir HORACE TOZER, K.C.M.G. ; and

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, as members of the Executive Council.

On 2nd March, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Right Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, P.C., K.C.M.G., D.C.L., as Chief Secretary and Treasurer ;

The Honourable Sir HORACE TOZER, K.C.M.G., as Home Secretary ;

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Postmaster-General and Secretary for Railways ;

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, as Secretary for Mines ; and

The Honourable ANDREW JOSEPH THYNNE, as Secretary for Agriculture.

On the same day the following appointments were made :—

The Right Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, P.C., K.C.M.G., D.C.L., as Chief Secretary ;

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Home Secretary and Secretary for Railways ;

The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON, Esquire, as Postmaster-General ;

The Honourable ROBERT PHILP, Esquire, as Treasurer and Secretary for Mines ; and

The Honourable JAMES VINCENT CHATAWAY, Esquire, as Secretary for Agriculture.

On 13th April, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Right Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, P.C., K.C.M.G., D.C.L., as Vice-President and member of the Executive Council, and Chief Secretary ; and

The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Esquire, as Attorney-General.

On 13th April, 1898, The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Esquire, was appointed Vice-President of the Executive Council, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General.

On 19th April, 1898, JOHN MURRAY, Esquire was appointed a member of the Executive Council.

On 27th April, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Home Secretary and Secretary for Railways; and

The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Instruction and Secretary for Public Works.

On the same day the following appointments were made :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Home Secretary ;

The Honourable DAVID HAY DALRYMPLE, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Instruction ; and

The Honourable JOHN MURRAY, Esquire, as Secretary for Railways and Secretary for Public Works.

#### CHANGES DURING THE SESSION.

On 28th September, 1898, the death, on the 27th September, of The Honourable THOMAS JOSEPH BYRNES, Premier, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General, was announced.

On 1st October, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Home Secretary ; and

The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON, Esquire, as Postmaster-General.

On the same day the following appointments were made :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Vice-President of the Executive Council, Chief Secretary, and Home Secretary ; and

The Honourable WALTER HORATIO WILSON, Esquire, as Minister for Justice and Postmaster-General.

On 12th October, 1898, the following resignations were accepted :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Chief Secretary and Home Secretary ;

The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Lands ; and

The Honourable JAMES VINCENT CHATAWAY, Esquire, as Secretary for Agriculture.

On the same day the following appointments were made :—

The Honourable JAMES ROBERT DICKSON, C.M.G., as Chief Secretary ;

The Honourable JUSTIN FOX GREENLAW FOXTON, Esquire, as Home Secretary ; and

The Honourable JAMES VINCENT CHATAWAY, Esquire, as Secretary for Public Lands and Secretary for Agriculture.

On 12th October, 1898, The Honourable GEORGE WILKIE GRAY, Esquire, M.L.C., was appointed a member of the Executive Council [*with Seat in the Legislative Council*].

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

\*President—The Right Honourable Sir HUGH MUIR NELSON, K.C.M.G., P.C., D.C.L.

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	WOOD, Honourable HENRY CONWELL.

At the opening of the Session, 26th July, 1898, the President announced the death of the late President of the Council, The Honourable Sir ARTHUR HUNTER PALMER, K.C.M.G.

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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DAWSON, ANDERSON, Esquire ( <i>Charters Towers</i> ).

\* Appointment announced, 26th July, 1898.

† Appointed a member of the Executive Council, 12th October, 1898.

‡ Appointed Acting Chairman of Committees, 1st November, 1898.

§ Death announced, 6th December, 1898.

|| Death announced, 28th September, 1898.

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\*\* Resignation announced, 3rd August, 1898. Sworn in after re-election, 7th September, 1898.

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 || MORGAN, ARTHUR, Esquire (*Warwick*).  
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 STEPHENS, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Brisbane South*).  
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 THORN, WILLIAM, Esquire (*Aubigny*).  
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 TURLEY, HENRY, Esquire (*Brisbane South*).

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\* In succession to Mr. James Crombie, deceased. Sworn in, 1st November, 1898.

† In succession to The Honourable Sir Horace Tozer, K.C.M.G., resigned. Sworn in, 9th August, 1898.

‡ In succession to Mr. W. F. McCord, deceased. Sworn in, 26th July, 1898.

§ In succession to The Right Honourable Sir Hugh Muir Nelson, P.C., K.C.M.G., D.C.L., resigned. Sworn in, 26th July, 1898.

|| In succession to The Honourable Thomas Joseph Byrne, deceased. Sworn in, 25th October, 1898.

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