

Legislative Council

Thursday 25th April 1872.

There not being a sufficient number of Members present to constitute a meeting in consequence of the inability of Charles C Turpin Esq to attend, the Governor adjourned the Council sine die.

G. W. Travis,
Clerk to the Council.

Legislative Council

Thursday 2nd May 1872.

Present: -

His Excellency Colonel D'Arcy,

The Hon^{ble} C. C. Turpin Esq^r

" " G. M. Dean Esq^r

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the 14th September were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid the draft Fire Ordinance on the table and said

"My Executive Council have deemed this a fit and proper measure for your consideration."

His Excellency then reverted to the late fire at Government House on the 22nd March last.

Mr Dean suggested a copy of the Ordinance might be placed on the Gazette board for general information, which step met the Governor's approval.

On the motion of His Excellency and
seconded

seconded by Mr Dean the Ordinance was read the first time -

The Governor then said "I have received a Despatch from the Secretary of State enclosing a short Ordinance for amending the Land Ordinance of 1841 whereby Section 13 of that Ordinance is repealed, and this Ordinance styled "The Land Ordinance 1872" substituted in its place -

On the motion of the Governor, seconded by Mr Turpin this Ordinance was read a first time -

The Governor then said "I have received an application from three persons who wish to be naturalized, their names are Joseph Mazia, Emile Boyer, and Gerard Degenhardt -

This Bill was also read a first time on the motion of the Governor and seconded by Mr Dean -

The Governor then said "I now lay before you a very important Ordinance viz. -

viz: the Government Savings Bank
Ordinance. I believe this is a
measure which will greatly tend
to promote sobriety and economy
throughout the Colony. Since
my arrival upwards of thirty personal
applications have been made to me by
people desirous of investing their small
savings and surplus capital. I wish
you clearly to understand that in
propagating this measure the Government
stands simply in loco parentis, and
seeks not to derive one penny profit
only securing a sufficient sum to meet
actual working expenses -

On the motion of the Governor seconded
by Mr Turpin this Ordinance was read
the first time -

The Council adjourned sine die

Geo. Francis
Secretary to the Council -

Legislative Council

Thursday 9th May 1872.

Present.

His Excellency Colonel D'Arcy
The Hon^{ble} C. P. Turpin Esq.
— by Mr Dean Esq.

The Council met pursuant to summons.
The Minutes of the last Council
were read and confirmed.

The Governor laid the Fire Ordinance
on the table for a second reading
and said

"if you consider the Inhabitants"
"are averse to the Ordinance I"
"am willing to defer it."

Mr Dean thought it was premature,
and the people thought by His Excellency
passing a Fire Ordinance so soon
after the late fire was a reflection
upon their successful efforts on
that occasion.

On the motion of the Governor and
seconded by Mr Dean the further reading
of the Fire Ordinance was postponed sine die.

The Council then discussed the Land Ordinance for 1872, and on the motion of the Governor seconded by Mr. Turpin the Bill was read a second time.

His Excellency then introduced the Naturalization Ordinance and moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Dean seconded that motion.

The Governor then laid before the Council the draft Government Savings Bank Ordinance after some discussion and amendments this Ordinance on the motion of His Excellency seconded by Mr. Turpin was read a second time.

His Excellency then said

"I am desirous of suspending the standing rules and taking the three last mentioned Ordinances viz the Land Ordinance for 1872.

the Naturalization Ordinance and the Government Savings Bank Ordinance as second and third readings.

By this means business will be facilitated as I am anxious to send

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send home by the Mail leaving
in a few days hence these three
several Ordinances -

Proposed by His Excellency and seconded
by Mr Turpin that the standing
rules be suspended and this
sitting taken as a third as well as
a second reading -

The Governor then adjourned
the Council sine die.

Geo: Travis
fled to the Council.

Legislative Council

Tuesday 21st May 1873.

Present

His Excellency Colonel D'Arcy
The Honble G. F. Turpin Esq.
" G. M. Dean Esq.

The Council met pursuant to
summons.

The Minutes of the last Council
were read and confirmed.

The Governor said

"Mr Goman, the Presbyterian
Minister at Darwin has written
to Bishop Stirling respecting the
Marriage law of this colony.

At present no clergyman other
than those connected with the
Established Church of England can
legally perform the ceremony
of marriage, the Bishop thinks
that

"that Mr Yeoman should have the power to marry people, and I have been requested by His Lordship to pass an amended Marriage Ordinance to meet the increasing requirements of this Colony, I therefore submit to you a draft Ordinance which has been compiled by Mr Turpin"

After some discussion on the motion of His Excellency, seconded by Mr Turpin the draft Ordinance was read a first time.

The Governor then said

"I propose proclaiming the law at once in order that those people in the Camp who are wishful to marry may do so, I therefore propose suspending the standing rules and this reading taken for the first second and third times -

This motion was also seconded by Mr Turpin

The Governor then adjourned the Council sine die

G. Francis
Acting Clerk to the Council

Legislative Council.

Thursday 19th December 1872.

Owing to the serious illness of Mr Turpin, the Acting Chief Magistrate, the Council was unable to form a quorum.

G. Travis
Acting Clerk to the Council