

Legislative Council

Tuesday 15th April 1879.

Present: -

His Excellency Governor Ballaghan G. M. G., President.
The Honble G. Moran and Arthur Bailey Esquires

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Oath of Office as a Member of the Legislative Council was administered to Mr Bailey.

Mr Collins took the Oath of Office as Clerk to the Legislative Council.

The Minutes of last meeting held on the 23rd February 1878 were read and confirmed.

The Governor said that he had summoned the Council to submit to them an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for declaring the validity and effect of certain leases of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands", and stated that a long correspondence had taken place with the Secretary of State on the subject of the leases referred to in the proposed measure, and that he was happy to inform the Council that Sir Michael Hicks-Brach had been pleased to consent on his recommendation, to validate the leases already granted by Colonel D'Arcy, and to authorize the issuing of certain other leases promised by him ^(Colonel D'Arcy) on similar terms.

In order to give legal effect to his decision on the subject, the Secretary of State had forwarded a draft Bill, which is a verbatim copy of the printed measure now before the Council.

The Governor stated that owing to the breaking down of the Mail Steamer of the 27th December last, considerable delay had taken place in the transmission of this Bill, and as the subject was one of interest to many persons in the Colony, and as it was also desirable that the doubts respecting the leases in question should be removed with as little delay as possible, he moved that the standing Orders be suspended, and that this Bill entitled "An Ordinance for declaring the validity and effect of certain Leases of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands." No 1 of 1879, do at this sitting pass through all its stages.

Mr. Dean seconded the motion and stated with regard to this proposed Ordinance, that he considered it one of the most important passed since he had a seat at the Council.

The Governor gave his assent to the passing of this Ordinance.

The Ordinance was then passed accordingly.

His Excellency then called upon the Clerk to the Council to read applications from Joseph Lillman and John von Harten praying to be allowed to enjoy the privileges of naturalization within the Colony, and stated that he had made inquiries regarding these individuals and believed that there was no objection to comply with their request.

In order to give legal effect to their desire a Bill had been prepared which he called upon the Clerk to the Council to read.

The Governor thought that it would be obvious to the members that it was desirable that this Bill should be passed with as little delay as possible. He therefore moved that the Standing Orders be suspended and that a Bill

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entitled "An Ordinance for granting Joseph Sellman and John von Harten the privileges of British born Subjects within the Colony of the Falkland Islands", No 2 of 1879. do at this sitting pass through all its stages.

Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.

The Governor gave his assent to the passing of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was then passed accordingly.

His Excellency then adjourned the Council

sine die.

J. F. Callaghan
Governor

John Wright Collins
Clerk to the Council

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Saturday, 20th December 1879

Present, H. E. Governor Callaghan, C.M.G., President.
The Hon^{ble} G. M. Dran and Arthur Bailey Esquires

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of last meeting held on the 15th April 1879 were read and confirmed.

The Governor called upon the Clerk to the Council to read a petition from Charles Hansen praying to be admitted to the privileges of a British-born subject within the Colony.

The Governor read Despatch "Confidential" from the Secretary of State, of the 17th September last, authorizing him to introduce an Ordinance naturalizing Charles Hansen, and stated that in order to give legal effect to this a Bill had been prepared which he called upon the Clerk to the Council to read.

The Governor thought that it would be obvious to the Members that it was desirable that this Bill should be passed with as little delay as possible. He therefore moved that the Standing Orders be suspended and that a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance for granting Charles Hansen the privileges of a British-born Subject within the Colony of the Falkland Islands," No 3 of 1879, do at this sitting pass through all its stages.

Mr. Dran seconded the motion.

The Governor gave his assent to the passing of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was then passed accordingly.

His Excellency then adjourned the Council *sine die*.

J. F. Callaghan
Governor