

Wednesday, the 29th day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in the Chair as Presiding Member.

The Hon. Messrs. Homer and Cornwall absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read over and confirmed.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 37.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor has received from the Legislative Council, a Bill entitled "An Ordinance respecting the Vice Admiralty Court of British Columbia."

The Governor is unable to assent to this Bill, inasmuch as the powers sought to be bestowed therein upon the Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court in this Colony have been reserved in the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the 26th of Victoria, chapter 24, to Her Majesty in Council.

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A further Message from His Excellency, which being read is as follows:

Message No. 38.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the regulation of the Harbours of British Columbia."

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On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Holbrook,

Ordered that the consideration of the Petition against Union with Vancouver Island, standing on the Order of the day for to-morrow be placed on the Order of the day for to-morrow week.

The Hon. Mr. Walkem's motion for leave to bring in Suits and Actions Limitations Bill dropped.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook asked leave to postpone his motion for the discussion of Mr. Waddington's Petition.

Ordered that leave be granted to postpone the same till Friday.

On the Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Tolls Exemption Bill,

Ordered that the same be read the second time.

Read second time accordingly.

Ordered to be committed to-morrow.

On the Order of the day being read therefor, the Indian Graves Bill was read second time.

Ordered to be committed forthwith.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. Holbrook in the Chair of the Committee.

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

The Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill gone through with amendments.

Ordered that the same be read the third time to-morrow.