

The Weekly Colonist

Tuesday, May 3, 1864.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 27.

Council met at 2:30 p.m. Members present—The Hon. President, and Hon. Attorney General, Treasurer, Watson, Surveyor, General Emberton, Phillips and Fraser.

THE CIVIL LIST RESOLUTIONS.

The Council went into committee on the resolution of the Hon. Chief Justice in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Watson brought forward the following resolutions on the Civil List question:

I. That this House cannot concur in the opinion of the Hon. Chief Justice, that the separation of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia would justify the acceptance of the proposition of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to provide a Civil List amounting to \$5,800.

II. That this House concurs in the opinion of the Hon. Chief Justice, that the absolute separation of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia would be otherwise so injurious to both and render their union hereafter more impracticable.

III. That this House is further of opinion that a complete union of the Administrative and Legislative establishments of Vancouver Island and British Columbia would be advantageous, and that such a union would be a consummation of the growth and settled character of their political institutions.

IV. Before arriving at such a conclusion of opinion, it is the duty of this House to express its views on the subject of the proposed Civil List, and to consider the expediency of such a union, and the effect of such a union on the revenue of the colonies.

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