

At a quarter past 3 o'clock, there being no quorum present, the Hon. the Presiding Member adjourned the Council till 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, without a question first put.

Wednesday the 22nd day of March, 1865.

The Council met at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Hon. Mr. Homer absent on leave; all other Members present.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were read over and confirmed.

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

Message No. 28.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

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

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

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

Message No. 29.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The Governor acquaints the Legislative Council that he has assented, in Her Majesty's name, to a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Excise Act, 1861."

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

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

Message No. 30.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR.

The inclemency of the weather having probably detained within the Colony a considerable quantity of gold, raised previous to the knowledge of the miner of the intention of the Legislature to impose an export duty on gold, the Governor recommends that the following alterations may be made in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for imposing a duty on Gold":

That the word "first," standing the fifth in the second clause, be struck out, and the word "fifteenth" be inserted in its place.

*Government House,
22nd March, 1865.*

Ordered that the Council consider His Excellency's Message in Committee presently.

On the Order of the day being read therefor,

The Harbour Regulation Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved* that this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Harbour Regulation Ordinance, 1865."

On the Order of the day being read for the committal of the Indian Liquor Bill,

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

The Presiding Member left the Chair.

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

The Presiding Member resumed the Chair.

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

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.