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PROGRESS REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

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EXTRACTED FROM THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1861.

**PRIVILEGE.**—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the question, That Mr. Speaker do issue a Writ for the election of a Member to serve for the electoral district of West Melbourne in the place of Thos. Loader, Esq., who has accepted a place of profit under the Crown, having been read,

Debate resumed,

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Wood then moved, by leave of the Assembly, That it be referred to a Select Committee to enquire whether the seat of Thomas Loader, Esq., in this House, has become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Commissioner of Trade and Customs under the Crown, such Committee to consist of Mr. Firebrace, Mr. J. S. Johnston, Mr. Martley, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Pyke, Mr. Gray, Mr. Henderson, Dr. Evans, Mr. Michie, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Wood; three to form a quorum; and that Mr. Loader may have liberty, if he shall think fit, to appear by his counsel before such Committee.

Six Members of the Assembly required that the Committee be appointed by ballot.

Question—That it be referred to a Select Committee, to consist of twelve members, to enquire whether the seat of Thomas Loader, Esq., in this House, has become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Commissioner of Trade and Customs under the Crown; three to form a quorum; and that Mr. Loader may have liberty, if he shall think fit, to appear by his counsel before such Committee—put and resolved in the affirmative.

The Assembly then proceeded to the ballot, and Mr. Speaker appointed Mr. Verdon, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O'Hea, and Mr. Wilkie, to be scrutineers.

The scrutineers, with the Clerk of the Assembly, having reported that the following Members, viz., Mr. Wood, Mr. Michie, Mr. J. S. Johnston, Dr. Evans, Mr. W. Gray, Mr. Gavan Duffy, Mr. Greeves, Mr. Martley, Mr. Haines, Mr. O'Shanassy, Mr. Mollison, and Mr. Service, had the greatest number of votes, Mr. Speaker declared such Members to be the Committee.

Mr. Brooke, by leave, moved, That the Committee have permission to hold meetings to-morrow and Monday next.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.



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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed by your Honorable House on the 8th March, to inquire whether the seat of Thomas Loader, Esq., in your Honorable House, has become vacant by his acceptance of the Office of Commissioner of Trade and Customs, have the honor to report that they have agreed to the following resolution:—

That the Office of Commissioner of Trade and Customs is an office of profit within the provisions of the Act of Parliament of Victoria, No. 91; and that Mr. Loader, by accepting such office, has vacated his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Committee-room,  
12th March, 1861.

