

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 9.30 A.M.

on

TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1959.

PRESENT:

His Honour the Speaker, Sir Donald Jackson.

Ex-Officio Members

The Honourable the Chief Secretary, Mr. D.M. Hedges.  
The Honourable the Attorney-General, Mr. A.M.I. Austin, Q.C.  
The Honourable the Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex, C.M.G.

Ministers

The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan,  
Minister of Trade and Industry.  
The Honourable B.H. Benn,  
Minister of Natural Resources.  
The Honourable Janet Jagan,  
Minister of Labour, Health and Housing.  
The Honourable Ram Karran,  
Minister of Communications and Works.  
The Honourable B.S. Rai,  
Minister of Community Development and Education.

Elected Members, Majority Party

Mr. S.M. Saffee

Other Elected Members

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall,  
Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
Mr. S. Campbell  
Mr. A.L. Jackson  
Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
Mr. F. Bowman

Nominated Members

Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
Mr. R.E. Davis  
Mr. A.M. Fredericks  
Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. I. Crum Ewing.  
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature - Mr. E.V. Viapree.

Absent

Mr. Ajodha Singh  
Mr. E.B. Beharry - indisposed.  
Mr. R.C. Tello - on leave.

PRAYERS

Prayers were read by the Most Reverend Dr. Alan John Knight, C.M.G., Archbishop of the West Indies.

His Honour the Speaker then suspended the sitting of the Council in order to receive His Excellency the Governor.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Council resumed at 10.00 a.m. when His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Speaker, entered the Council Chamber. The Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Council and the inhabitants of the Colony generally, welcomed His Excellency to the Colony.

COMMISSION APPOINTING THE GOVERNOR.

The Clerk read the Commission appointing Sir Ralph Francis Alnwick Grey, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., O.B.E., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Guiana.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Honourable the Chief Justice, Sir Frank Holder, C.M.G., administered the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office which were duly subscribed to by His Excellency the Governor.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency then addressed the Council. (Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1959).

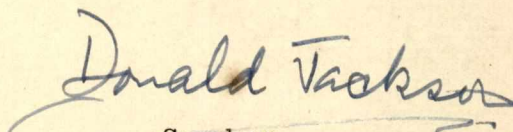
The Honourable Dr. C.B. Jagan, Minister of Trade and Industry, on behalf of the Members of the Council thanked His Excellency for his Address and asked that it be printed and circulated to Members.

Thereafter His Excellency withdrew from the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10.40 a.m. the Speaker adjourned Council to a date to be fixed.

Confirmed,

  
Speaker.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Georgetown.  
29th December, 1959.