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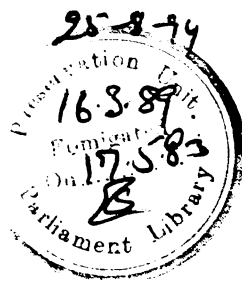
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 30th January, 1924.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Eleven of the Clock, being the first day of the meeting of the Second Assembly, pursuant to S. 63D (2) of the Government of India Act, and the President (the Honourable SIR ALEXANDER FREDERICK WHYTE, Kt.) took the Chair.

Mr. President: In order that this, the first meeting of the Second Legislative Assembly, may be fully constituted, Members will now take the Oath or make the Affirmation in the manner prescribed.

Mr. President then, standing, took the Oath.

MEMBERS SWORN:

The Honourable Sir Malcolm Hailey, K.C.S.I., C.I.E. (Home Member); the Honourable Sir Charles Innes, K.C.S.I., C.I.E. (Commerce Member); the Honourable Mr. Atul Chandra Chatterjee, C.I.E. (Industries Member); the Honourable Sir Basil Phillott Blackett, K.C.B. (Finance Member); Mr. Ernest Burdon, C.I.E., M.L.A. (Army Secretary); Sir Henry Moncrieff Smith, Kt., C.I.E., M.L.A. (Secretary, Legislative Department); Mr. Evelyn Berkeley Howell, C.S.I., C.I.E., M.L.A. (Foreign Secretary); Mr. Alfred Alan Lethbridge Parsons, M.L.A. (Financial Commissioner, Railways); Mr. Alexander Robert Loftus Tottenham, M.L.A. (Member, Board of Inland Revenue); Mr. James Alexander Richey, C.I.E., M.L.A. (Educational Commissioner); Mr. Laurence Frederic Rushbrook-Williams, C.B.E., M.L.A. (Director of Public Information); Mr. Wilfrid Thomas Mermoud Wright, M.L.A. (Joint Secretary, Legislative Department); Mr. Thomas Eyebon Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., M.L.A. (Madras; Nominated Official); Mr. Julius Mathison

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MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICEROY.

Mr. President: I have a Message from His Excellency the Viceroy which Members, according to custom, will hear standing:

"In pursuance of sub-section (3) of Section 63B of the Government of India Act, 1, Rufus Daniel, Earl of Reading, hereby require the attendance of the Members of the Legislative Assembly in the Assembly Chamber at Eleven O'clock in the morning on Thursday, the 31st of January 1924."

(Sd.) *READING,*

Viceroy and Governor General."

The Assembly then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, the 31st January, 1924.

