

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, the 3rd Day of October, 1912.

COUNTIES AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. BUCHANAN, in Committee, to move the following amendment :—

Clause 2: To add the following proviso to subclause (2) :—

Provided that in any case where the owners of land contiguous to the boundary of any county are desirous of having their properties transferred to the adjoining county, and the consent of both Councils concerned cannot be secured, the said owners may petition the Governor to order the necessary alteration in the county boundary to be made. Such petition shall set forth the particulars of the area proposed to be transferred, the names of the owners and occupiers of the same, and the grounds upon which the application is based. A copy of the said petition shall be served on each Council concerned. Upon receipt of such petition, the Governor shall direct an inquiry to be held in terms of paragraph (d) of section one hundred and nineteen of the Public Works Act, 1908. If upon such inquiry being held it is proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate or Commissioner holding the inquiry that, as a matter of justice, the prayer of the petitioners should be given effect to, then the Governor shall, by Proclamation as hereinbefore provided, alter the boundaries of the two counties accordingly. All costs, charges, and expenses attending or incidental to the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Governor, or upon such Commissioner or other persons, shall be a charge upon the revenues of such local authority or local authorities as the Governor directs, and may be recovered as a debt due to his Majesty in any Court of competent jurisdiction.
