

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 18th January, 1871.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council—Message from the Governor, No. 19: Prorogation.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4 p.m.
PRAYERS.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mr. STEERE asked the Colonial Secretary if it was the intention of the Government to give each member a copy of the Minutes of the Council.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said that he had given instructions that a bound copy of the Minutes of the Council be presented to each member.

PROROGATION.

Message from His Excellency
The Governor.

The SPEAKER announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor transmits the following Address to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

I have reserved for Her Majesty's pleasure a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Representation of the People, and to alter the Property Qualification of Members of the Legislative Council.*"

I have further reserved for Her Majesty's pleasure a Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of Money for certain Public Purposes.*"

I shall regret should the decisions finally adhered to by a small majority of your Honorable Council in remodelling the former Bill prove the means of perpetuating for a time a disability to vote attaching to certain persons, which you have concurred with me in thinking it just to remove, or in the case of the latter Bill, defeat those objects which we seek in common, and cause the postponement of those public works which it was my policy to commence at the earliest possible date.

2. You have passed a number of measures originated by the Government, some of them of considerable importance, and which I trust may prove beneficial to the Colony.

3. Amongst them I would especially refer to those Acts which establish a system of local self-government in local matters, which I look upon as likely to exercise a great influence over the future of this colony.

4. I now thank you for your attendance at this first Session of the Representative Council of Western Australia, and for the supplies you have voted for the public service, and I hereby prorogue this Legislative Council until the first day of March next.

Government House, Perth, 18th January, 1871.

The Council adjourned and the session closed.