

"present contract for this service at the end of the year.

"3. A similar proposal with regard to the Mails between Perth, Bunbury, and the Vasse.

"Government House, Perth, 3rd September, 1879."

On the motion of Mr. BROWN, the consideration of the Message was made an Order of the Day for Wednesday, 10th September.

#### AUCTIONEERS ACT, AMENDMENT BILL.

Read a third time and passed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF EXPENDITURE.

MR. BROWN (the Chairman of the Select Committee to which the Bill to confirm the over-expenditure was referred) said the date fixed for reporting their proceedings to the House, and for bringing up their report, was that evening; but he regretted to say the Committee had been unable as yet to prepare their report. He had therefore to move that the time previously granted for reporting to the House be extended until Monday next. He might state that in fixing that date, it was a mere formal motion, for he was afraid there was no probability of the Committee being in a position to bring up their report then, nor for a considerable time afterwards.

The House adjourned at eight o'clock, p.m.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 5th September, 1879.

Branding Consolidation Ordinance, 1864, Amendment Bill: second reading—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 7 p.m.

PRAYERS.

#### BRANDING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1864, AMENDMENT BILL.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. G. W. Leake) moved the second reading of a Bill to extend the facilities for searching for stray stock. The hon. gentleman said the Bill was probably as short a Bill as would be brought before the House during the Session. It simply repealed two words in the existing Ordinance. Short, however, as the Bill might be, it involved a matter of some importance. Difficulty had been experienced by settlers in search for stray stock, consequent upon their being unable to enter upon the enclosed portions of land belonging to their neighbors. Although a man's stray stock might be within these enclosures, if the owner of the land was so churlish as to refuse him leave to enter upon the enclosed land to search for his stock, the stock might remain there for an hour and a day. The object of the present Bill was to afford the same facilities to search for stray stock on enclosed land as upon land that was unenclosed. Every precaution, however, was taken, on the one hand, against any wanton infraction upon the privacy of a man's property, and, on the other hand, against any needless allegation of a right to enter upon the land.

Motion for second reading agreed to, without discussion.

#### IN COMMITTEE.

The Bill was agreed to in Committee, *sub silentio*.

The House adjourned at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.