

imagine that the Vasse people would not wish to see the whole project abandoned, simply because the line is not brought into that town from this particular spot. When this memorial goes to the Government of course it will be for them to determine whether it would be prudent to insist upon what the memorialists now wish; or whether it would not be better in the interests of that district itself, and of the colony at large, to accept what the company are prepared to carry out? It is simply a question of adopting the views of the memorialists or of abandoning the whole thing.

Motion put, and address agreed to.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 30th April, 1889.

Message (No. 23): Assenting to Roads Act—Message (No. 24): Alterations to Council Chamber—Message (No. 25): Re Memorial to the Secretary of State—Message (No. 26): Transfer of W.A. Timber Co.'s concessions—Prorogation.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

MESSAGE (No. 23): ASSENTING TO ROADS ACT.

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

"The Governor has the honor to inform the Honorable the Legislative Council that he has this day assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the undermentioned Bill:—

"1. *An Act to amend The Roads Act, 1888.*"

"The authenticated copy of the Act is returned herewith.

"Government House, 30th April, 1889."

MESSAGE (No. 24): ALTERATIONS TO COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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

"The Governor will cause plans and specifications to be prepared in the Works Department for the necessary additions to the Legislative Council Chambers, as requested in the Address of Your Honorable House No. 17, of the 29th instant.

"Government House, 30th April, 1889."

MESSAGE (No. 25): MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE SPEAKER notified the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:

"In reply to Address No. 18, of the 29th instant, the Governor has the honor to inform Your Honorable House that the Memorial addressed to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State respecting the Constitution Bill will be transmitted to Lord Knutsford by the outgoing mail.

"Government House, 30th April, 1889."

MESSAGE (No. 26): TRANSFER OF W. A. TIMBER CO.'S CONCESSIONS.

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

"In reply to Address No. 19, dated the 29th instant, the Governor has the honor to inform the Legislative Council that, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, he will be prepared to enter into a contract with the Honorable J. H. Gordon and others for the construction of a railway, and other matters connected with the concession to the West Australian Timber Company in the Sussex District, on the terms advised by Your Honorable Council.

"Government House, 30th April, 1889."

PROROGATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR shortly afterwards entered the Council Chamber, and delivered the following Speech:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE
“LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

“I heartily congratulate you upon the
“satisfactory completion of the important business which has occasioned this
“special Session.

“The Constitution Bill which you have
“passed will be transmitted by me to the
“Right Honorable the Secretary of State
“by the out-going mail, and, in addressing Lord Knutsford upon the subject,
“it has given me pleasure to express my
“strong sense of the friendly, conciliatory,
“and loyal manner in which Your Honorable House has joined with me in
“considering and working out the details
“of Responsible Government.

“Our labours are ended, and it remains
“for Her Majesty's Government, and for
“the Parliament of the Empire, to do
“what is still necessary.

“I have but little doubt that the Constitution Bill will be returned to the
“Colony with Her Majesty's assent in the
“course of a few months, and that, before the year closes, there will devolve
“upon the Governor the interesting duty
“of summoning to his assistance the first
“Responsible Ministers of Western Australia.

“You may, meanwhile, be called together for another short Session to consider the new Electoral Bill which, as I
“have already informed you, is about to
“be prepared.

“I shall ever retain the most pleasant
“recollections of our work together in
“many matters, but particularly in the
“settlement of the new system of Government, to which so many hopes, and
“so promising a future, are about to be
“confided.

“I now prorogue this Council to Tuesday, the 11th day of June next.”

HIS EXCELLENCY, having handed a copy of the Speech to Mr. Speaker, retired from the Council Chamber, and the Session closed.