

the House, demanding the consideration of hon. members; and he had no doubt that hon. members would approach their consideration in the same attentive and thoughtful manner as they had approached the consideration of His Excellency's speech. With regard to what fell from the hon. member for Geraldton, as to Messrs. Lilly & Co.'s contract, if he mistook not, the hon. member said that proper steps had not been taken by the Government to invite tenders for this service. He could assure the hon. member that tenders were not only invited in this colony but also in the other colonies, and the reason the Adelaide Steamship Co's. tender was accepted was because it was thought it would be in the interests of the colony to accept it, in conjunction with the same company's tender to convey the survey party to Cambridge Gulf. His hon. friend the Engineer-in-Chief, he thought, had disposed of the little grievances of the hon. member for Fremantle, as to the alleged shortcomings of the Government in one or two directions. So far as the hon. member's suggestion for the establishment of depôts between Derby and the goldfields was concerned, he certainly approved of the suggestion himself, but the immense expenditure that would be involved in carrying out such a scheme as the hon. member contemplated rendered it almost impossible for this Government to undertake it.

The Address in Reply was then adopted.

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 24th June, 1886.

Designs and Trade Marks Act, 1884, Amendment Bill: first reading—Pearl Shell Fishery Special Revenue Bill: first reading—Address in Reply: Presentation to the Governor—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at noon.

PRAYERS.

DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS ACT, 1884, AMENDMENT BILL.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt), in accordance with notice, moved the first reading of a Bill to alter the law relating to the procedure under "The Designs and Trade Marks Act, 1884," and "An Act to regulate Grants of Patents for inventions in the colony of Western Australia."

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PEARL SHELL FISHERY SPECIAL REVENUE BILL.

THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt), in accordance with notice, moved the first reading of a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Pearl Shell Fishery Special Revenue.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY: PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNOR.

At half-past twelve o'clock, p.m., the Council adjourned, and hon. members proceeded to Government House, to present the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech.

The Council re-assembled at a quarter to one o'clock, p.m.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The Speaker announced to the Council that the Address in Reply had been presented to His Excellency the Governor in accordance with the Resolution of the House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to reply as follows:—

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

"I thank you for your loyal and cordial Address in reply to my Speech, and I trust that our united labors, during the present session, may tend to promote the welfare of Western Australia."

"Government House, Perth, 24th June, 1886."

The House adjourned at ten minutes to one o'clock, p.m.