

The COLONIAL SECRETARY (Hon. F. P. Barlee) said he did not rise to offer any remarks upon the question before the Council. The members of the Government in the House had, in his opinion, very properly refrained from taking part in the debate. The question under consideration was one entirely for the elected representatives of the people to deal with, without any intervention or influence being brought to bear by the Government, who had refrained from doing so. He and those who sat with him on what was called the Government bench, would, however, vote in favor of the resolution submitted for the affirmation of the House by the hon. member for Wellington, inasmuch as his colleagues and he wished to be consistent in their actions, and because they believed now, as they had believed when they supported the principles of the Constitution Bill when before the House, that the contemplated constitutional change was a movement in the right direction, and one that would tend to the benefit and advantage of the colony; and because they further conceived, and conceived truly, that a large majority of the electors of the colony were entirely in accord with them in this view.

Having congratulated the House on the moderate tone of the debate and the ability with which it had been conducted, the hon. gentleman resumed his seat.

Amendment put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	3
Noes	15
Majority against	12

Ayes. Mr. Randell Mr. E. Hamersley Mr. Brown (Teller).	Noes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee The Hon. M. Fraser The Hon. H. H. Hocking Mr. S. Hamersley Mr. Crowther Mr. Padbury Mr. Gale Mr. Pearce Mr. Marmion Mr. Monger Mr. Burt Mr. Bickley Mr. Glyde Sir Thomas Cockburn- Campbell Mr. Steere (Teller).
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Amendment thus negatived.

Question, that the Resolution proposed by Mr. Steere be adopted, put, upon which a division was called for, the result being as follows:—

Ayes	15
Noes	3
Majority for	12

Ayes. The Hon. F. P. Barlee The Hon. M. Fraser The Hon. H. H. Hocking Mr. Bickley Mr. Burt Mr. Glyde Sir Thomas Cockburn- Campbell Mr. Pearce Mr. Marmion Mr. Monger Mr. Padbury Mr. S. Hamersley Mr. Crowther Mr. Gale Mr. Steere (Teller).	Noes. Mr. Randell Mr. E. Hamersley Mr. Brown (Teller).
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Resolution thus passed.

PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION.

Mr. STEERE moved that this Council is of opinion that it is not desirable to expend any public money on the Philadelphia Exhibition, as it conceives that the cost would be more than commensurate with the advantages to be derived.

Question put and passed.

COMMITTEE FOR COOLIE IMMIGRATION.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. H. H. Hocking) moved that Mr. Burt and Mr. Marmion, in conjunction with Mr. Glyde, be appointed as the Committee for Coolie Immigration.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at 11.45 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 26th January, 1875.

Prorogation.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 12 noon.

PRAYERS.

PROROGATION.

His EXCELLENCY arrived at the Council Chamber at three minutes past 12 noon, accompanied by his staff, consisting of the Hon. the Commandant (Major Harvest), Mr. J. Grant Elliott, A.D.C., and Mr. Henry, Private Secretary; and having entered the Council Chamber and desired the members, who had risen on his entrance, to be seated, said:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

In relieving you from further attendance in Council, I desire to express to you the pleasure which it affords me to inaugurate my personal

intercourse with the Legislature of Western Australia. I am glad to have this early opportunity of meeting you, and I use this occasion to solicit at your hands in future Sessions that cordial co-operation and support without which I cannot hope to acquit myself as I should wish of the highly responsible duties intrusted to my care.

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the public service. It will be my duty to see that the supplies which have been voted by you are carefully administered.

I have received, and will forward to the Secretary of State by an early opportunity, the Resolutions on the question of Responsible Government which you have requested me to submit for His Lordship's consideration.

I directed to be laid before you a full and interesting Report on Fremantle Harbor, from the Inspector General of Public Works for the Colony of Victoria. The question is one which

will occupy my immediate attention, and on the re-assembly of the Legislative Council you will doubtless be prepared to take action in the matter, the country in the meanwhile having had before it the carefully considered suggestions which are contained in Mr. Wardell's Report.

In taking leave of you for the recess, I earnestly pray that you may be guided by Divine Providence to the efficient discharge of those social obligations which, in the prominent position which you occupy in the community, are scarcely less important than the Legislative duties from which, for the present, I am now able to release you.

I prorogue this Council to Tuesday, the 1st of June next ensuing.

Which being concluded a copy of the Speech was handed to Mr. Speaker.

His Excellency the Governor left the Council Chamber, and the session closed.
