Record of the Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament

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Prorogation of Parliament Legislative Assembly 18th September 1860

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PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, do hereby proclaim that the Parliament of the said colony of Queensland is and stands hereby prorogued to Tuesday, the thirteenth day of November now next ensuing.

Given under my hand and seal, at Government House, Brisbane, this eighteenth day September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

(L.S.) G. F. BOWEN

By His Excellency's command,

R.G.W. HERBERT.

- 'Gazette Extraordinary,' Sept. 18.

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(The following appeared in our Second Edition of Tuesday last.)

QUIETLY, and almost unostentatiously, the first Parliament of Queensland has been released from its labours, and its first session brought to a close. The ceremony of Tuesday morning was not provocative of any great amount of interest. A few people lined either side of the street opposite the Legislative Chambers, and a goodly number of carriages deposited at the entrance those who had procured tickets of admission. Altogether, however, the crowd was not so great as at the opening of the session, and strangers gathered in the street would be apt to suppose that the people of Brisbane were not a demonstrative race, the assemblage remaining perfectly passive spectators of the scene.

Previous to the arrival of His Excellency Lady Bowen alighted at the door of the Council chamber from the vice-regal carriage, accompanied by Bishop Tuffnell, and soon afterwards the cavalcade left Government House. The mounted police headed the procession, and a detachment of the mounted volunteer rifles, under the command of Lieut. Master, formed the escort immediately surrounding His Excellency's person. The foot police were also drawn up in front of the entrance, and presented arms upon the arrival of the cortege. His Excellency was accompanied by his aide-de-camp, and was received at the door of the Council Chamber by the President (Captain O'Connell.)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The SPEAKER took the chair at half-past eleven, and read prayers.

The following were the members present, besides the Speaker: Messrs. Blakeney,

Buckley, Coxen, Edmondstone, Fitzsimmons, Fleming, Gore, Haly, Herbert, Jordan, Lilley, Mackenzie, Pring, Raff, and Richards. A few minutes past twelve o'clock, Colonel Gray, Usher of the Black Rod, having been admitted, informed the Speaker that his Excellency had directed him to request the presence of the hon. house to the Legislative Council Chamber. Accordingly the members present, headed by the Speaker, and attended by the Clerk, adjourned to the Legislative Council.