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Tuesday, December 2, 1862.

THE House having, by several Proclamations, hereunto annexed, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business;

And being met—

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Henry Palmer, Esquire, Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker;

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House, at the Bar of the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr Speaker and the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Legislature, as followeth:—

Mr President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

My object in summoning you at this unusual period of the year, was that an endeavour might be made to obtain some solution of the long agitated Land question.

Circumstances have, however, occurred, which will prevent your deliberations at the present time.

I received by the last Mail a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, informing me that the Royal Assent had been given to the "Act to change the constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective."

From Despatches which had passed between His Grace the Duke of Newcastle and myself, on the subject of an objection raised by His Grace to a clause in this Act, it was apprehended that Her Majesty's assent would not be given to the Act until that Clause had been amended by the Legislature.

The confirmation of the Act leaves me no alternative but immediately to declare it to be in force, and a Proclamation to that effect will be issued without delay.

I will cause papers on the subject to be, at once, made public.