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EARLY CONSTITUTION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Captain Stirling, the Superintendent of the First Colonising Expedition, was appointed Lieutenant-Governor, and a promise was made that a Bill would be submitted to Parliament to make provision for the Civil Government of the New Settlement, which promise was duly fulfilled, when, on the 14th May, 1829, the 10th George IV., No. XXII., "An Act to provide until the thirty-first day of December, 1834, for the Government of His Majesty's Settlement in Western Australia, on the Western Coast of New Holland," received the Royal assent.

On the 18th June, 1829, a Proclamation was issued stating that, whereas possession having been taken of the territory, and settlement being actually effected, all persons were required to regulate their conduct with reference to His Majesty's authority represented in the Governor, and to obey all such legal commands and regulations as he might from time to time see fit to enact; and, further, that by the establishment of the Royal authority, the territory became subject to the laws of the United Kingdom, as far as they were applicable to the circumstances of the case.

On December the 29th, in the year 1831, was published an Order of the King in Council, for the establishment of a Legislative Council in Western Australia.

The Legislative Council, as at first constituted, consisted solely of the members of the Executive Council, viz.:

The Governor, Sir James Stirling.  
The Commandant, Captain F. C. Irwin.  
The Colonial Secretary, Peter Brown.

The Surveyor-General, John Septimus Roe.  
The Advocate-General, George Fletcher Moore.

The Bill, enabling Her Majesty "to grant a Constitution to Western Australia," passed its third reading in the Imperial House of Commons on the 4th July, and, meeting with no opposition in the Lords, received the Royal assent on the 15th August, 1890.  
The last Council under the old form of Government expired on the 21st October, 1890, on the proclamation of the new Constitution.

All along the coast of Western Australia, to the North of latitude 26° 30' South, the Pearl Oyster abounds, and Pearls and Pearl Shells in considerable quantities are obtained by means of dredging and diving.

The first telegraph line constructed in the Colony of Western Australia was that between Perth and Fremantle—a distance of exactly twelve miles—which was constructed by a private company, and opened for traffic on the 21st June, 1869. This line was taken over by the Government during April, 1871.

The total area of the Colony of Western Australia, according to the latest computation, is about 975,920 square miles, or 624,588,800 acres; out of this, 5,505,209 acres have been alienated, thus leaving 619,083,591 acres available for additional occupation for agricultural or other purposes.

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