

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 1854.

**PRESENT**—The Speaker and 18 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read Prayers.

The Speaker took the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr Sewell gave notice that, to-morrow, on proceeding to the order of the day, from the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Public Reserves Bill, he would move the addition of the following clause:—

“In case any Grants shall have been made by the Governor of the said colony of any Lands, which but for such grant, would have come within the provisions of this Act, to any trustee or trustees for any purpose of public utility within the said colony, and such grants shall not have been accepted, and acted on by such trustee or trustees, such grant shall be and is hereby declared to be void and of no effect. And the lands included therein, may be granted and disposed of according to the provisions of this Act, in like manner as if no such grant had been made.”

Mr. Travers gave notice, that on Tuesday, 11th instant, he would move that a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Weld, Mr. E. J. Wakefield, Dr. Featherston, Mr. Cutten, Mr. King, Mr. Taylor, Major Greenwood and the Mover, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of establishing and maintaining regular postal communication between the chief towns, and the various outlying districts within the several Provinces of New Zealand.

Mr. Sewell in absence of Mr. Fitzgerald, gave notice of motion for the second reading of the Revenues Bill, and Empowering Bill on Friday next.

Mr. Weld gave notice that on Tuesday the 11th instant, he would move that the Debate on the Waste Lands Bill be resumed in terms of the 63rd Rule of the Standing Rules and Orders.

Dr. Bacot with the permission of the House, withdrew his motion respecting Vaccination.

Mr. Carleton, according to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Barristers and the Solicitors of the Supreme Court, to act as general Law Practitioners.

Leave given.

Mr. Wortley according to notice, moved that the following be added to the Standing Orders of this House.

“It shall be competent for any member of the House of Representatives when duly requested to do so, to attend as a witness before any Select Committee of the Legislative Council.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Carleton according to notice, moved for a copy of Governor Grey's alleged communication with the Natives, on the occasion of his visit to the Bay of Islands in 1847.

Agreed to.

Mr. Carleton according to notice, moved for a copy of the correspondence between Sir George Grey and the Colonial Office, on the subject of the Bishop of New Zealand's letter dated August 30th 1847.

Agreed to.

Mr. Sewell in the absence of Mr. Fitzgerald and pursuant to notice, moved the suspension of Rules Nos. 36, 37, 41, 42, 47, and 49, in order to bring in and pass at once through all its stages “A Bill for amending an Ordinance passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, for regulating the sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors, so far as the same relates to the sale thereof within any building used for the purpose of the meeting of the General Assembly.”

Leave given; and on motion of Mr. Sewell Bill read a first and second time, and the House resolved it into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

On the Speaker resuming Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Report adopted.

Bill then read a third time and *passed*.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 5 o'clock.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
Speaker.