

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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FRIDAY, 7TH JULY, 1854.

1. MR. MACANDREW—To ask the honourable member for Lyttelton whether or not it is the intention of the Government during the present Session to introduce any measures for the establishment of Provincial Courts of Quarter Sessions. Also, whether or not with this view as with a view to enable the smaller Provinces to dispense with paid Magistrates—it is intended to remodel the commission of the peace so as to render such commission as mark of honourable distinction, and to elevate the Bench in public estimation.
2. DR. BACOT—To ask the honourable gentleman at the head of the Government how the position of officers in Her Majesty's service will be affected by the Waste Lands' Bill with regard to their obtaining free grants of Land on retiring from service, and more particularly with regard to officers who have already settled in New Zealand on the understanding that such free grant of Land would be allowed them.
3. MR. TRAVERS—To ask the head of the Executive in this House whether under any existing law or custom in New Zealand provision is required to be made for defraying the expenses of the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Division in proceeding to Nelson for the purpose of holding the half-yearly Circuit Courts appointed for the despatch of Civil and Criminal business, and if so, by whom, under such law or custom, such provision is required to be made, and what provision, if any, was made for defraying such expenses, in relation to the Circuit Court advertised to be held in Nelson on the 1st April, 1854.
4. MR. TRAVERS—To ask the head of the Executive in this House whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce in the present Session any measure for extending the powers and jurisdiction of the present inferior Courts of Law in the Colony, or for the establishment of any Courts of Record having more extensive powers and jurisdiction than the inferior Courts now in existence.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. MR. JERNINGHAM WAKEFIELD—To move that the order made by the House on the motion of Mr. Wortley on Wednesday last, 5th July, for adding a Rule to the Standing Orders, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee before it is presented to His Excellency the Officer administering the Government for approval, with leave to report thereon.
2. MR. CUTTEN—To move for a Select Committee to enquire into the present mode of reporting the debates of this House, and to consider the most practicable means of obtaining true and correct reports, with power to call for papers and persons. The Report to be brought up on Tuesday, the 11th July. Committee to consist of Messrs. Sewell, H. Carleton, Revans, Travers, King, and the Moyer.