

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker being unavoidably absent; the Clerk, in accordance with the usages of the Houses of Parliament, adjourned the House until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1854.

PRESENT—The Speaker and 26 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read prayers.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting of the 27th and the adjournment of the House on the 28th read.

On the motion of Mr. Sewell the standing orders were suspended in order that the business of yesterday might be taken.

Mr Porter presented a petition from 565 inhabitants of Auckland, against the payment of the New Zealand Company's debt, which was received.

Mr. Macandrew to ask of the honorable member for Lyttelton, on Friday next, whether it is the intention of the Government during the present session, to introduce any means for the establishment of Provincial courts of quarter sessions. Also, whether or not with this view as well 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 a mark of honorable distinction, and to elevate the Bench in public estimation.

Mr. Weld gave notice, that on Friday, he would move, that it be an instruction to the Committee on Steam, to extend their enquiry to the subject of Steam Communication with the Australian Colonies or other parts of the world.

Dr. Bacot gave notice, that on Wednesday, 5th July, he would move that an address be presented to His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the estimates, for the purpose of introducing Vaccination amongst the natives without delay.

Mr. Weld gave notice, that on Friday, 30th June, he would move that the votes and proceedings of the House be ordered to be printed.

Mr. Porter gave notice, that on Friday, 30th June, he would move for a Committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill for the prevention of Bribery at Elections. Committee to consist of the following members, Mr. Forsaith, Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Cutten, Mr. Picard, Dr. Monro, Mr. E. J. Wakefield.

Mr. Carleton gave notice, that on Friday, 7th July, he would ask the honorable member for Lyttelton, whether the Government had received any information concerning any apprehended disturbances in the Bay of Islands.

Mr. Carleton gave notice, that on Wednesday, July 5th, he would move for leave to bring in a bill to enable the Barristers and the Solicitors of the Supreme Court to act as General Law Practitioners.

Mr. FitzGerald gave notice, that on Friday, 30th June, he would move that Mr. Merriman be appointed Chairman of Committees of the whole House.

Mr. FitzGerald obtained permission to withdraw his notice, for leave to bring in a bill relative to the General and Provincial Revenues of the Colony.