

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE, 1854.

PRESENT—The Speaker and 24 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read prayers.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr. Weld presented a petition to the Provincial Council of Nelson relative to the Waste Lands of the Crown. Petition received.

Mr. Forsaith presented a petition from the Committee of the Auckland Association for the suppression and prevention of Intemperance and Immorality. Petition received.

Mr. Carleton gave notice that on Wednesday, 5th July, he would move that an address be presented to his Excellency the Officer administering the Government requesting a copy of all correspondence connected with Sir George Grey's alleged communication with natives, on the occasion of his visit to the Bay of Islands, in September, 1847.

Mr. Merriman moved that the Standing Order, No. 72, be suspended, in order to move that Mr. Carleton's name be added to the Committee on the (Auckland) New Zealand Company's Debt.

Agreed to, and name added accordingly.

Mr. Macandrew, with leave of the House, postponed the question standing in his name for this day, respecting Provincial Quarter Sessions, until Friday next, 7th July.

Mr. Carleton obtained leave of the house to ask the question of which he had given notice, respecting the disturbance at the Bay of Islands, on Tuesday, 4th July, instead of Friday, 7th.

Mr. Weld, according to notice, moved that it be an instruction to the Committee on Steam, to extend their inquiry to the subject of Steam Communication with the Australian Colonies, or other parts of the world.

Agreed to.

Mr. Weld, according to notice, moved that the votes and proceedings of this house be ordered to be printed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitzgerald, according to notice, moved that Mr. Merriman be appointed Chairman of Committees of the whole House.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitzgerald gave notice that, on Tuesday next, he should move the suspension of the Standing Orders, in order to bring in a Bill, and pass it at once through all its stages, for the purpose of enabling the members of the two Houses to be supplied with refreshments without a licence being taken out by the party supplying the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter, according to notice, moved for a Committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill for the prevention of Bribery at Elections. Committee to consist of Messrs. Forsaith, Gledhill, Cutten, Picard, E. J. Wakefield, Dr. Monro, Mr. Sewell, and the Mover, with power to call for papers and persons. Report to be brought up on the 18th of July.

Agreed to.

Mr. Fitzgerald, according to notice, moved the second reading of the Waste Lands Bill.

Debate ensued.

On motion of Mr. Weld, debate adjourned until Tuesday next.

House adjourned until five o'clock on Tuesday, 4th July, 1854.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,
Speaker.