

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 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.

The Speaker announced to the House the decease of Mr. Coates, Clerk of the House, and that until another appointment has been made the Under Clerk would perform the duties of Clerk.

The Speaker announced to the House that he had received an authority from his Excellency the Officer administering the Government to administer the oath of allegiance to William Thomas Locke Travers, Samuel Stephens, and Isaac Earl Featherston, Esquires, members of the House of Representatives of New Zealand.

Mr. Travers was introduced to the Speaker by Mr. Mackay. Mr. Travers took the oath and his seat as member for Waimea District.

Mr. Featherston was introduced to the Speaker by Mr. Bartley. Mr. Featherston then took the oath and his seat as member for Whanganui and Rangitikei Districts.

A message from His Excellency the Officer administering the Government was announced, whereupon His Excellency's Private Secretary was introduced who delivered the following messages.

Message No. 9,—Enclosing returns of the names of all persons who have purchased land in the Province of Nelson under the Proclamation of His Excellency Sir George Grey, of 4th March, 1853; the number of acres purchased by each person, &c., &c.

Message No. 10,—Enclosing copies of the Electoral Rolls of the Province of Auckland, for the years 1853, 1854.

Message No. 11,—Informing the House that the returns called for in the resolution adopted by them on the 21st ultimo, of amount of land scrip awarded by the New Zealand Company or Government, as compensation to sufferers in respect of land purchased from the Company, cannot be furnished without reference to Wellington.

A message from the Legislative Council was announced. The honourable Francis Dillon Bell, Esq., was introduced who delivered the following message.

Extract from the journals of the Legislative Council.

“Tuesday, 5th July, 1854.

“Resolved—

“That a message be sent to the House of Representatives in reply to the message received yesterday, embodying for the information of that House, the standing order of the Council on the subject of attendance of members before the Committees of that House”

STANDING ORDER.

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

“True Extract,

“WM. SWAINSON,

“Speaker.”

Mr. FitzGerald obtained leave from the House, to postpone his motion for suspension of the standing orders, and the introduction of a Bill to enable the members of the House to obtain refreshments without the person supplying such refreshments being required to have license for that purpose.