

Mr. Wortley gave notice, that on Wednesday next, the 5th instant, he would move 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 so to do, to attend as a witness before any select Committee of the Legislative Council."

Major Greenwood with permission of the House, asked the Government if steps were being taken to procure the Electoral returns from the South, by the steamer "Nelson."

Mr. Travers gave notice, that on Monday, 7th July, 1854, he would 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 for the Northern Division, in proceeding to Nelson for the purpose of holding the half-yearly circuit courts appointed for the dispatch 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.

Also, 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.

Mr. Travers gave notice that he would, on Friday, the 14th July, 1854, ask the head of the Executive in this House, whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce into this house any measure to establish a general system of Education in New Zealand.

Mr. Carleton, according to notice, asked the question respecting disturbances at the Bay of Islands

Mr. Fitzgerald, according to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill for declaring certain portions of the Revenue raised within the Colony of New Zealand to be Revenue raised under an Act of the General Assembly, and for declaring other portions of such Revenue to be Revenue of the Province.

Leave given; and, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, Bill read a first time, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for this day week.

Mr. Fitzgerald, according to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill for vesting in the Superintendents of Provinces, within the Colony, certain powers heretofore vested in the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the colony of New Zealand, and of the Provinces thereof,

Leave given; and, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, Bill read a first time, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for this day week.

On the motion of Mr. Sewell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of the whole to consider the Public Reserves Bill.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments, and the House ordered the adoption of the report to stand an order of the day for Thursday next.

Mr. Sewell, on Friday, 7th, to move third reading of the Public Reserves Bill, and the introduction of a new clause.

House adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, 5th July, at 12 o'clock.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
Speaker.