

make application, on behalf of His Excellency, to the Wellington Committee of Compensation (of the 16th September, 1848), for such information on the subject of the return, as may enable him to complete the document with the least possible delay, and that in particular the Commissioner be instructed to obtain a copy of the proceedings of the said Committee of Compensation."—Resolution adopted.

Mr. Carleton moved the suspension of Standing Orders No. 29, in order to enable him to make a motion without notice.—Agreed to.

Mr. Carleton then moved, that an address be presented to His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, requesting him to recommend the House to make provision for the services of a standing Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Carleton with leave of the House withdrew his motion.

Mr. Jerningham Wakefield gave notice that on to-morrow, on going into Committee of Supply he would move that it be an instruction to the Committee to take the following Resolution into consideration :—"That it is expedient that a separate account of Revenue and Expenditure in connexion with the disposal of Waste Lands should be kept for each Province; and that so far as practicable the amount to be paid into each Provincial Treasury, on that account, should be the surplus of such Revenue raised within the Province, remaining after the deduction of such Expenditure incurred within the Province."

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

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald Bill read a first and second time, and ordered to be Committed.

On motion of Mr. Sewell leave was given to postpone the Report of the New Zealand Company's Debt Committee till Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Sewell the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply for the consideration of the Estimates.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Weld authority given to the Committee on the Estimates to send for persons and papers.

The House again resolved into Committee of Supply.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Mackay moved that that part of the Estimates under the head of Department of the General Government, with reference to the item of £7950 15s. 6d. put down as expenses of the General Assembly, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Wakefield, Fitzgerald, Sewell, Macandrew, Kelham Crompton, Monro, Lee, Greenwood, and the Mover; the report to be brought up on Friday next,—Agreed to.

The Speaker read a letter, from the Colonial Secretary, relative to the Salaries and Duties of the Clerks of the House, which was ordered to be laid before the above Committee.

The House again resolved into Committee of Supply.

A deputation from the Legislative Council was announced.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair,

The Hon. T. H. Bartley, Esq., was introduced, who presented "a Bill for bringing into operation within the colony certain Acts of the Imperial Parliament" to which he prayed the assent of the House.

The Deputation then withdrew.

On the motion of Mr. Merriman the Bill was read a first and second time, and referred to the Select Committee on the Dower Bill.

A message from the Legislative Council was again announced.

The Hon. F. D. Bell, Esq., was introduced, and informed the Speaker that the Council had adopted the amendment made by the House to the Naturalization Bill.