

the Estimates, in order that the constant intercourse which has hitherto been carried on with the Natives in all parts of the Colony, may still be maintained, with the view of ascertaining their wants, and fostering their progress and improvement, as well as of keeping up that good understanding between them and the Government, on which so much of the tranquility and prosperity of the Colony depend.

R. H. WYNARD.

Government House, Auckland,  
13th September, 1854.

On motion of Mr. Mackay, His Excellency's Message No. 24, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Ludlam the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for further consideration of the Estimates.

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

A deputation from the Legislative Council was announced, The Honorable T. H. Bartley, Esq., was introduced, who presented the Law Practitioners Bill, which he informed Mr. Speaker had passed the Legislative Council without amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Bartley then retired.

The Speaker again left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for further consideration of the Estimates.

The House having been counted on motion of Mr. Mackay, there were found to be only eleven members present, exclusive of the Speaker, viz.: Messrs. Lee, Mackay, O'Neill, Macandrew, Major Greenwood, Messrs. Brown, Travers, Sewell, Picard, King, and Major Gray.

The Speaker accordingly took the Chair and declared the House adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 1854, (6 P.M.)

PRESENT:—The Speaker and 32 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the chair.

Mr. Porter presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Shipowners, and Importers of Goods in the Province of Auckland, praying for a reform of the present Customs Tariff.

Petition received and read.

Mr. Forsaith presented a Petition from the Society for the Prevention and Suppression of Vice and Intemperance, praying for a reform of the present Licensing Ordinance.

Petition received and read.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for further consideration of the Estimates.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair the Chairman reported progress.

Mr. Travers moved that Standing Order No. 29 be suspended, and that the Estimates be re-committed to-morrow at 12 o'clock.—Agreed to.

Mr. Wortley moved that the question as to Colonial Allowance to the Officers and Men of H.M.S. "Pandora" be referred to the Committee on Message No. 14.—Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Forsaith the Marriage Bill was read a third time and *passed*.

Title of the Bill read and agreed to.

Mr. Forsaith and Mr. Weld were deputed to present the Bill to the Legislative Council.

On motion of Dr. Monro, The Honorable J. Stuart Wortley's name was added to the Committee appointed to consider His Excellency's Message No. 14.