

New Zealand.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SESSION II.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1854.

PRESENT :—The Speaker and 30 Members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read prayers.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented a Petition from twenty-seven inhabitants of the Bays of Port Victoria, in the Canterbury Settlement, praying for a re-arrangement of the Electoral Districts.—Petition received.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented a Petition from the Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury, praying that a law may be passed for the establishment of a Court of Quarter Sessions in that Province.—Petition received.

The Speaker read several resolutions to the House, which had been adopted in Committee of Supply, and which were severally agreed to by the House.

Mr. Merriman, with leave of the House, moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 29 during the day, in order to pass a Bill through more than one stage.—Agreed to.

Mr. Travers, with leave of the House, moved the following resolution :—"That in the opinion of this House it is expedient that the Government should make arrangements for detaining the steamer "Nelson," until Monday, in order to admit of all public business being completed, before the departure of those Members of the House who are about to proceed to the Southern Provinces.—Agreed to.

Dr. Monro brought up the report of the Select Committee to which His Excellency's Messages Nos. 14 & 15 had been referred.—Report read.

On motion of Dr. Monro Standing Order No. 81 was suspended during the day.

On motion of Dr. Monro the Report of the Committee on His Excellency's Messages Nos. 14 and 15 was ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Dr. Monro gave notice that, to-morrow, he would move for leave to bring up the Report of the Select Committee on the New Zealand Company's Debt.

On motion of Mr. Merriman the Revenues Bill was read a third time and *passed*.