

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1854. (6 P.M.)

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Hart with leave of the House, moved that the following address be presented to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, respecting the Salary of the Serjeant at Arms :—

To His Excellency Lieut. Col. Robert Henry Wynyard, C.B., the Officer Administering the Government of New Zealand, &c., &c., &c.

We, the Members of the House of Representatives, beg leave respectfully to inform your Excellency that Mr. Philip Augustus Deck having been appointed Serjeant at Arms in this House, a Salary has been voted for that office ; that such salary is proposed to be withheld pending the delivery of certain accounts arising out of duties in another department of the Public Service. That it is of the greatest public importance that the services of officers of this House should be secured by the payment of their salaries, irrespective of any questions arising out of other duties or services.

We therefore, respectfully pray your Excellency that you will be pleased to direct the payment to Mr. Philip Augustus Deck, of the salary appropriated to the office of Serjeant at Arms in this House.

Address adopted.

Dr. Monro gave notice that to-morrow he would move the following Resolutions :—

1. That the debt of £268,370 15s. to the New Zealand Company imposed upon the Colony by Act of Parliament, ought to be considered as an equivalent in money at 5s. an acre for 1,073,000 acres alleged to be surrendered to the Crown for the service of the Colony.
2. That at the time the arrangement was entered into by which this debt was saddled upon the colony, the Crown was in the terms of the 13th chapter of the Royal Instructions of 1846, a Trustee of the land and land-fund of the colony for the benefit of its subjects, and especially for the benefit of such of them as have settled, or shall hereafter settle in New Zealand.
3. That the arrangement of 1847, between the New Zealand Company and Lord Grey, subsequently given effect to by the Act X and XI Victoria, Chapter CXII, was obtained by misrepresentation and suppression of the truth, and appears to have been entered into in a state of comparative ignorance on the part of the Crown of the position and transactions of the Company, both in England and the Colony, and in particular that the existence and extent of the claims of the settlers of Wellington and Nelson were not made known to Parliament
4. That the Company was not justified in applying any portion of the land which it professed to surrender to the colony, to the liquidation of its outstanding and undisclosed liabilities, excepting on the condition that the value of any land so applied by the Company, or by the Government in fulfilment of the Company's contracts, should be deducted from the amount of the debt.
5. That the minimum amount of loss of land fund sustained by the colony is including the expense of surveying the compensation land, £120,000.
6. That inasmuch as the money advanced by Parliament, was said to be aid afforded to the Company to restore the property of the existing settlements, and to promote the establishment of new settlements in the colony, the inhabitants of New Zealand have a right to enquire whether the public money given to the New Zealand Company, was applied fully and fairly to the objects for which the Crown constituted it its Trustee.
7. That the compromise of the claims of the Nelson land-purchasers, carried into effect in July, 1847, was essentially modified in favour of the Company by the following means :—A legal opinion favourable to the claims of the settlers, which the Company had promised to obtain, and to make public among them for the adjustment of their mutual differences, was suppressed ; and a second opinion, unfavourable to the claims