

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

WEDNESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1854.

PRESENT—The Speaker and 22 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Hart moved that the following members be the select Committee on his motion for enquiring into the New Zealand Company's Debt, viz., Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Forsaith, Major Greenwood, Mr. King, Mr. Ludlam, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Picard, Dr. Monro, Mr. Sewell and the Mover.

Mr. Mackay gave notice, that he would move on Tuesday, the 13th June, for a comparative return, shewing the European population, also, a comparative return, shewing the number of stock, and a comparative return shewing the quantity of land (in acres) fenced and cultivated, in the Provinces of Auckland, New Plymouth, Nelson, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago, up to corresponding dates for the years 1851 to 1853 inclusive.

Mr. Mackay gave notice, that he would move on Tuesday, the 13th instant for a comparative Return, shewing the number of vessels, with their tonnage, entered inwards and outwards, in ballast or otherwise, separating the Coasting from the Foreign, with the value of their cargoes for duty and free of duty, in the Provinces of Auckland, New Plymouth, Nelson, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago up to corresponding dates, for the years 1851 to 1853, inclusive.

Mr. Macandrew with permission of the House, moved his resolution relative to the opening of the proceedings of the House with prayer which was agreed to.

The following were named members of the Committee,—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Weld, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Forsaith, and the Mover.

Mr. Bartley then moved, that the Speaker do leave the Chair and that Mr. Kelham take the Chair of the Committee of the whole House on the Standing Orders.

Agreed to.

A messege was announced from His Excellency the Officer administering the Government.

The Speaker took the Chair.

His Excellency's Private Secretary was introduced and presented the following message.

MESSAGE No. 3.

The Officer administering the Government has received the Address of the House of Representatives, praying that he will be pleased to take the following Resolution into his serious and early consideration.

"That amongst the objects which this House desires to see accomplished without delay, both as an essential means whereby the General Government may rightly exercise a due control over the Provincial Governments, and as a no less indispensable means of obtaining for the General Government the confidence and attachment of the people, the most important is the establishment of Ministerial Responsibility in the conduct of Legislative and Executive proceedings by the Governor."

The Officer administering the Government begs to assure the House, that he will approach the consideration of the subject with a sincere desire to give effect as far as it may be in his power to do so, to the views of the House embodied in the above resolution.

R. H. WYNARD,
Officer administering the Government.

Government House, Auckland,
7th June, 1854.

On the motion of Mr. Bartley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House in Committee of the whole resumed the consideration of the Standing Orders.