

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1854.

PRESENT—The Speaker and 30 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Wakefield gave notice, that on Tuesday next he would move the adoption of a humble address to His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to accept an expression of the high satisfaction and deep sense of obligation towards him, with which this House has regarded His Excellency's prompt and unreserved compliance with their desire, that Ministerial Responsibility in the conduct of Legislative and Executive proceedings by the Governor should be established without delay.

Mr. Cargill gave notice, that on Thursday, 22nd June, he would move for a return of all Lands sold by the Government in the Province of Otago, since the retirement of the New Zealand Company. The amount received for such lands and in what manner such monies have been expended. Also, the number of Acres of Waste Lands still remaining unsold, to which the native title has been extinguished.

Mr. Ludlam gave notice, that on Tuesday, June 20th, he would move that the Government be requested to lay before the House, copies of any correspondence between the Provincial Government of Wellington and Mr. Grimstone, relating to the loss of his office and his claim to compensation.

Mr. Mackay gave notice, that on Tuesday, 20th inst., he would move that the report of the Committee to see to the completion of the present building, and what improvements may be necessary for the comfort of the members, be adopted.

Mr. FitzGerald gave notice, that on Tuesday, the 20th June, he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to establish certain offices of the Executive Government of New Zealand and to amend the provisions of the Constitution Act relating to the Civil List.

Mr. FitzGerald gave notice, that on Tuesday, 20th June, he would also move for leave to introduce a Bill for regulating the disposal and management of Waste Lands of the Crown in New Zealand.

Mr. Sewell pursuant to notice, moved that His Excellency the Officer administering the Government be respectfully requested to appoint a Clerk and Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

Agreed to.

Mr. Weld according to notice, moved the appointment of the several Committees of which he had given notice.

Agreed to.

Mr. FitzGerald moved the notice relative to the Address to the Queen, and stated that on a future day he would present the same for the consideration of the House.

Mr. Mackay according to notice, moved the appointment of the Tariff Committee of which he had given notice.

Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Sewell, House adjourned until 12 o'clock on Tuesday, 20th June.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
Speaker.