

Ayes, 11.
Messrs. Carleton
Brown
Gray
O'Neill
Forsaith
Taylor
O'Brien
Porter
Lee
Merriman
Bacot (teller.)

Noes, 5.
Messrs. Hart
Crompton
Sewell
Mackay
Travers (teller.)

On the original question being put,

Mr. Forsaith moved that the question be amended by the addition of the following words: "It is the opinion of this House that the Government of this Colony, except in a few isolated cases, failed to fulfil one of the most important and valuable conditions of the regulations under which the Pensioners were enrolled for service in this Colony. That whilst on the one hand Sir George Grey, the late Governor of the Colony, relaxed in various particulars the stringency of the Regulations affecting the services to be rendered by the Pensioners, the War Office, on the other hand, disregarded those arrangements, and on completion of the stipulated term of seven years, demanded a strict fulfilment of the original conditions.

2. "That in several instances Pensioners have been deprived of their cottages and acres, and subjected to other penalties in consequence of non-attendance at parade, notwithstanding that they claimed exemption from that duty in virtue of medical certificates.

3 "That in consideration of the above circumstances, it is the opinion of this House that cases of those Pensioners who have been subjected to these penalties, should receive the lenient consideration of the Executive Government."

Question—that the words proposed to be added do stand part of the question—put and negatived.

Whereupon original question put and passed.

5. Adjourned debate on the report of the Committee on the New Zealand Company's debt.

On motion of Mr. Travers, debate resumed.

Mr. Travers, with leave of the House, withdrew the resolution as moved by him yesterday, and moved the adoption of the following resolutions in lieu thereof:

"That this House having considered the report of the Committee on the New Zealand Company's Debt, desires to reiterate its opinion that the charge imposed upon the Revenues of the Colony in favour of the New Zealand Company was unjust and impolitic

"That whilst this House is nevertheless prepared to entertain any reasonable terms for compromising that charge, it deems it inexpedient in the circumstances of the present session to offer any specific suggestion for effecting such an object.

"That the thanks of the House are due to Mr. Adderley for his exertions on behalf of the Colony, and that he be requested to continue those exertions with the view of obtaining from the Company, some definite proposal for compromising the Debt, in order that the same may be brought under the consideration of the Legislature during the next session.

"That Mr. Adderley be also requested to avail himself of the services of Mr. Sewell, in carrying on any negotiations with the Company.

"That it will be one of the earliest and most important duties of the Legislature during the next session to adopt some one of the various measures which present themselves, for practically relieving the Colony from the charge, but that such measure should not be deemed to prejudice the completion of any negotiations then in progress with the Company.

"That his Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate these resolutions to Mr. Adderley, and to acquaint him that he is authorised to expend a further sum, not exceeding £500, in defraying the expenses of the agency.

"That in any final arrangement for the liquidation or compromise of the Debt, regard shall be had to the resolution of the House of the 5th September 1854, for relieving the Province of Auckland from bearing any portion of the charge."