

Ayes, 10.
Messrs. O'Brien,
Porter,
Sewell,
Forsyth,
Mackay,
Taylor,
Bacot,
Brown,
Lee,
Travers, (Teller.)

Noes, 4.
Messrs. Bacot,
Clifford,
Crompton,
Carleton, (Teller)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1855.

No. 1.—ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1855-56.

Motion made and question put—that this Committee do recommend the house to present a respectful address to his Excellency the Governor, praying him to send down to the house a Supplementary Estimate for the following services, viz:—

For the salary of the Clerk in the Resident Magistrate's Court at Nelson, from the 1st of July 1855, to 30th June, 1855.	-	-	-	£150	0	0
For an Interpreter 50%, contingencies 50% for the year 1855-56, same department	-	-	-	100	0	0
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				250	0	0

(Mr. Mackay.)

Committee divided.

Ayes 6.
Messrs. Travers,
Brown,
Carleton,
Taylor,
Forsyth,
Mackay, (Teller.)

Noes 10.
Messrs. Bacot,
Greenwood
Hart,
Lee,
Crompton,
Sewell,
Porter,
Clifford,
Gray,
O'Neill, (Teller.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1855.

No. 1.—MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, NOS. 7, 8, 9, AND 10.

Question proposed—that the proposed Loan Bill having been declined it is the opinion of this House that his Excellency the Governor is not to be considered as bound by any message from his Excellency the Officer administering the Government, and resolution of the House, in relation to the amount to be expended in the purchase of native lands, but the house while recommending a strict economy, is nevertheless convinced that purchase of land could not be entirely suspended without serious detriment to the three Northern Provinces of the Colony.—(Mr. Forsyth.)

Amendment proposed—that all the words of the foregoing question be omitted, with a view to insert the following in lieu thereof.

1. "That this House, having considered his Excellency's Message No. 8, reaffirms the general principle contained in the Resolution of this House of the 6th September instant, virtually guaranteeing to the Provinces, as far as possible, the Surplus Revenues.

2. "If the current advances to the Provinces should not be equal to such estimated surplus, the balance will become a debt due to the Provinces, for which