

On motion of Mr. Mackay, House adjourned at half-past one o'clock until 3 o'clock.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

The Speaker informed the House that he had presented to his Excellency the Governor the address adopted by the House yesterday, that his Excellency had received the same very graciously, and had been pleased to make the following reply,—

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,—

I beg to offer you my best thanks for your congratulations on my arrival in this Colony.

I am indeed much gratified to learn from you that the general interests of the colony are in a state of prosperity.

In conjunction with, and by the assistance of the two Houses of Parliament, I am prepared to encounter any difficulties which may arise from the introduction of Constitutional Government, and relying on the good sense of the inhabitants of New Zealand, I have no doubt of success.

I am grateful to you for the assurance you give me of your valuable assistance; in return, I beg to assure you that I shall not weary in endeavouring to promote the welfare of the Colony, and disregarding all personal and party interests, I shall be guided solely by an earnest endeavour to decide justly in all cases and questions which may come under my consideration.

Confident in the honesty of my own intentions, and trusting in the patriotism and integrity of the Representatives of the people, I am satisfied that all difficulties will be met in such a spirit of fairness and determination, as will, under God's blessing, ensure success.

Auckland, New Zealand,
Sept. 6, 1855.

T. GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

Mr. Travers postponed the motion standing in his name, second on the notice paper of this day, until to-morrow.

Mr. Travers, with leave of the House, withdrew the motion standing in his name, third on the notice paper of this day.

Mr. Porter, pursuant to notice, moved—that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor shewing that most of the disputes and differences between the Government and the inhabitants of the Colony have originated in the land question, and that it has been the cause of the native wars, and praying his Excellency to give that question his most serious consideration at the earliest possible period, with a view of doing substantial justice to the natives, and at the same time supplying a sufficient quantity of land for settlers of all classes, thereby preventing future dissatisfaction, preventing native wars, and promoting the prosperity of this Colony.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Taylor, pursuant to notice, moved—that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that a Supplementary Estimate be sent down to this House, providing for the salaries of all Resident Magistrates in the Province of Auckland, not included in the Civil List.

Question put and passed.

Mr. O'Neill, with the leave of the House, withdrew the motion standing in his name, sixth on the notice paper of this day.

Mr. Sewell, with leave of the House, postponed the motion standing in his name, seventh on the notice paper of this day, until to-morrow.

Mr. Sewell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, brought up an *ad interim* report of the Committee which was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sewell, leave was given to the Committee to sit again, and to report on Tuesday next.

Mr. Travers, with leave of the House, postponed the motion standing in his name on the orders of the day, until to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Travers—that Monday next be a sitting day of the House, and that the House do meet at 12 o'clock.

Question put and passed.