

The Officer administering the Government does not propose that the officers in question should be relieved from their offices till after a dissolution of the Assembly, and a new House of Representatives shall have been elected, when Her Majesty's Representative will be enabled to select from the members of the Legislature a Responsible Ministry to take upon themselves the duties of Colonial Secretary, Attorney-General, and Colonial Treasurer. The Officer administering the Government, however, proposes to the House to pass, during the present Session, a Bill of the nature of that he has sent for their consideration, as the surest means of securing, at the earliest convenient period, the introduction of Ministerial Responsibility into the Government of the Colony.

Government House,

Auckland, 10th August, 1855.

Moved by Mr. Forsaith—that His Excellency's message, No. 3, be taken into consideration as first order of the day on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sewell, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of His Excellency's Message, No. 1.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following resolution. "That this Committee do recommend to the House that a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency, praying him to advance to the Provincial Treasurer of New Plymouth for the use of that Province, the sum of fifteen hundred pounds (£1500) to be repaid from the Revenues of that Province for the financial year, ending 30th June, 1855, to the extent of such balance, and in case of deficiency from the future Revenues of the Province."

Resolution adopted by the House.

Mr. Forsaith with leave of the House, moved that His Excellency be respectfully requested to cause to be furnished to this House, authenticated copies in the Maori language, of the letters from Natives contained in His Excellency's message No. 2.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Merriman, House adjourned at 4 o'clock, until Tuesday next at noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 1855.

1. MR. BROWN—To move for a Return of all lands purchased from the Maories since 17th January 1853, shewing

1. In what Province situated.
2. The estimated extent in acres.
3. The consideration.
4. The sums of money paid and dates of payment.
5. The sums of money remaining due, and when payable.
6. The dates of purchase.

2. MR. BROWN—To move for a Return shewing the terms and conditions under which the New Zealand Fencibles were entitled to a pre-emptive right of purchasing a certain number of acres in the vicinity of the Pensioner Settlements.

Also, a Return of the names of those Pensioners (officers or privates) who have not obtained land under these Regulations—distinguishing those who are still entitled from those who are not entitled, to receive such land—with the reasons in either case.

Also, Return of the names of those Pensioners whose cottages and acres have been forfeited, with the grounds and reasons of such forfeiture.