

House divided.

Ayes.	Noes.
Messrs. Brown	Messrs. Mackay
Carleton	Hart
Merriman	Crompton
Porter	Travers
O'Neill	Sewell (teller)
Taylor	
O'Brien	
Greenwood	
Bacot	
Lee	
Forsaith (teller)	

Mr. Merriman, with leave of the House, withdrew the original resolution as moved by him, together with the remaining resolutions standing in his name on the notice paper of this day, and substituted the following in lieu thereof.

That in order to enable the House in its next Session to ascertain whether the representation be fairly apportioned among the various Provinces, his Excellency the Officer administering the Government be respectfully requested to place upon the estimates such a sum as may be deemed sufficient to enable the Executive Government to appoint fit and proper persons to scrutiny the electoral rolls of the several Districts, and in particular to report the number of *bonâ fide* electors, irrespective of the existing electoral rolls, and also to furnish rough outline maps of the present electoral District, together with comparative returns of population, revenue, imports, and exports, and extent of acreage of the several Provinces.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Carleton, pursuant to notice, moved—that an Address be presented to his Excellency the Officer administering the Government, requesting returns of all papers concerning the case of the Widow Meurant, together with all minutes endorsed thereon.

Question put and passed.

A message from his Excellency the Officer administering the Government was announced.

His Excellency's private Secretary was introduced, who presented the following message, which was read by the Speaker.

MESSAGE No. 49.

R. H. WYNYARD,

Officer Administering the Government.

The Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives the accompanying copy of a Petition dated 26th April, 1855, forwarded in a letter from the Superintendent of New Plymouth dated 8th August, 1855, and recommending it for favourable consideration to the Officer administering the Government, from the Provincial Council of that Province, on the subject of the distribution of the Surplus Revenue as at present provided by the Constitution Act, and alleging that the Province of New Plymouth, from its peculiar circumstances, is deprived of an equitable share of that Revenue.

Government House, Auckland,
30th August, 1855.

Mr. Porter, pursuant to leave granted yesterday, brought in a "Bill to appropriate the Surplus Revenues," which was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Mr. Travers—that the consideration of order of the day No. 1 be postponed until the remaining orders of the day be disposed of.

Question put and passed.

2. Naturalization Bill—second reading.

On motion of Mr. Travers Bill read a second time.

Moved by Mr. Travers—that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Naturalization Bill.

Question put and passed.