

Difficulties among the Natives are of frequent occurrence in the neighbourhood of Auckland, and if the Governor is obliged to be absent some person to whom he may delegate his powers, should be present in Auckland. The Governor, therefore, trusts that this subject will be considered if the House resolves on requiring his presence, and that of his advisers, in any of the Southern Provinces.

Government House,
Auckland, 2nd July, 1856.

On motion of Mr. Stafford the consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 26 was ordered to stand first order of the day for to-morrow.

6. Zingari, steamer :—Mr. Cargill, pursuant to notice, asked the Government whether or not the steamer Zingari will go on to Otago the next trip, in the event of the members for that Province being desirous of proceeding home in her, and what will be the cost of such extra service.

Mr. Stafford replied, That the expense on account of such extra service would be £200, and that if it was desired, an arrangement to that effect could be entered into with the agents of the steamer.

7. Bacot, Staff Surgeon :—Mr. Stafford, in reply to a question put to him on Friday last, in reference to a claim alleged by Dr. Bacot to a house and land at Howick, stated, That by the instructions to the Governor dated 1846, in reference to the Waste Lands of the Crown, authority was given him to make reserves for specific purposes, especially for the purposes of military defence; that accordingly a block of land was set apart on which to locate the pensioners, and that those lands thus appropriated, ceased to be crown lands of the colony.

8. Defalcation at Nelson :—Mr. Brodie, pursuant to notice, moved as a resolution, That it is the opinion of this House that immediate action should be taken by the Government (if practicable) for the arrest of Mr. E. H. E. Blackmore, late Collector and Sub-Treasurer at Nelson, for his late defalcation.

The Colonial Secretary moved the previous question.

Question, That this question be now put, put and negatived.

9. Leave of Absence :—Mr. Bell, pursuant to notice, moved, That leave of absence be granted to the honorable member for the Hutt (Mr. Ludlam) for the remainder of the session, from Thursday next.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to notice, asked for leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Question put and passed.

It being now six o'clock the House proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

10. Ways and Means :—The first order of the day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the chair the House resolving itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption by the House :—

1. That it is expedient, without delay, to make provision for all ascertained outstanding liabilities, and permanently to adjust the public burdens of the Colony, which adjustment ought to embrace a settlement of the New Zealand Company's Debt, and the charge on the Land Fund for the purchase of Native lands.

2. That as part of such arrangement, it is necessary to make provision by loan for sums absolutely required for Native land purchases for the ensuing financial year, and to make permanent provision for the same object.

3. That amongst the liabilities to be provided for by the Colony, this House recognizes the following :—

Balance due to the Union Bank of Australia.

Deposit accounts.

Arrears of fourths due to the New Zealand Company.

Balances due to Provinces.

Outstanding liabilities on contracts for purchase of Native lands.

4. That as a provisional arrangement for satisfying immediate liabilities, providing for the purchase of Native lands, and for general services, it is desirable to raise upon debentures a loan not exceeding £100,000, at interest not exceeding 10 per cent., payable off at the option of the Colony, in one or two years. Any portion of such loan, which, in excess of the amount required to complete existing contracts, shall be expended in the purchase of Native lands, to be repaid with interest out of the permanent loan of £180,000, to be provided for effecting such purchases.

5. That it is expedient, as part of a general and permanent arrangement, to redeem the New Zealand Company's charge on the Land Fund upon the terms offered by the Company, and assented to by the Imperial Government, viz.—that payment be made to them on the 5th April, 1857, of a sum of £200,000, towards which all monies in their hands at that date in excess of

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