

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee recommended the resolution referred to them for adoption by the House.

Question, That the resolution agreed to by the Committee be adopted by the House put and passed.

7. Edward Catchpool:—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to notice, asked the hon. member at the head of the Government whether it is his intention to issue a commission of enquiry into the case of Edward Catchpool, first landing waiter at the port of Wellington, in accordance with the recommendation of the select Committee to whom his petition to the House was referred, and, if so, when it will be appointed, and whether the Government will have any objection to inform the House of the names of the persons composing the commission so soon as it shall have been appointed.

Mr. Stafford replied, that a commission should be appointed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, and that on a future day he would be prepared to state when the commission should be appointed and who should compose it.

8. Policy of the Government:—Mr. Daldy, pursuant to notice, asked the hon. member at the head of the Government whether it is his intention to make any further developement of the policy of his Government beyond that given yesterday.

Mr. Stafford replied, that as the Government laid bills before the House, their policy should be more fully explained.

9. Wesleyan Property Sale Bill:—Mr. Travers, pursuant to notice, moved, That this Bill be referred to a select Committee, consisting of Mr. Fox, Mr. Wells, Mr. Curtis, the Colonial Secretary, and the mover.

Question put and passed.

10. Returning Officers:—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to notice, moved, That no Returning Officer is justified in refusing to record any vote that may be tendered to him by a person who is on the electoral roll, on the plea that such person is a member of the police force.

And still further, that no Returning Officer is justified in refusing the vote of any such person, after he shall have tendered his resignation as member of any such police force.

Question put and passed.

11. Province of Taranaki Bill:—On motion of Mr. Charles Brown the second reading of this Bill was postponed to this day week.

12. Naturalization Bill:—On motion of Mr. Bell the consideration in Committee of this Bill was postponed until to-morrow.

13. Law Amendment Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the report of the Committee of the whole House on this Bill was adopted, and, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Colonial Secretary moved that the following be the title of the Bill, "A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence and the Law of Debtor and Creditor. Question put and passed, and the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Ward were ordered to present the Bill to the Legislative Council.

14. Supreme Court Law Procedure Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and the adoption of the report of the Committee was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.

15. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Ward the House adjourned at six o'clock until to-morrow at noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 1856.

1. MR. STAFFORD to move, That the House do adopt the address to Her Majesty on the achievements of her Majesty's Forces and those of her Allies in the present war, prepared by the Select Committee, and that it be transmitted to Her Majesty by Mr. Speaker; and a copy of the same presented to his Excellency the Governor.
2. The COLONIAL TREASURER to move, That Mr. Fox be added to the Land Scrip Committee.
3. MR. STAFFORD to move, That leave of absence for one month be given to Mr. Elliott, on the grounds of urgent private business.

4. Mr. Fox