

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; Mr. Speaker and thirty-one members being present ; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.

2. Adjournment (special) :—Mr. Travers moved that this House at its rising do adjourn until Monday next at noon.

Question put and passed.

3. Postponement :—On motion of Mr. Domett the report of the Committee on Old Land Claims was postponed until Tuesday, 24th June.

4. Provincial Waste Lands Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Superintendents and Provincial Councils to enact laws for regulating the sale, letting, disposal, and occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown.

Leave given ; and, on motion of Mr. Stafford, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Wednesday next.

5. Gazettes and Ordinances, Provincial :—Mr. Hall, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That, in the opinion of this House, Mr. Speaker should take the necessary steps for causing this House to be supplied with copies of the Acts or Ordinances, and Gazettes of the several Provinces of New Zealand.

Question put and passed.

6. Post Office :—Mr. Hall, pursuant to notice, moved for copies of correspondence respecting the payment of post office gratuities to masters of vessels on account of the conveyance of letters between New Zealand and the Australian colonies.

Question put and passed.

7. Mill at the Wairarapa :—Mr. Hall, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of any reports or other papers relating to an alleged promise made by Sir G. Grey to the natives in the Wairarapa for the erection of a mill in that district. Also, a statement of the particulars of the sums which have already been expended upon such mill, and an estimate of the amount required to complete the same.

Question put and passed.

8. Lapsed Question :—Major Greenwood not being in his place, the motion standing in his name, fifth on the notice paper of this day, lapsed.

9. Province of Taranaki Bill :—Mr. Brown, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That a map be ordered, in illustration of the Province of Taranaki Bill.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

10. Magistrates :—Mr. Brown, pursuant to notice, moved for a return of the Magistrates appointed within the Colony, distinguishing those who have been included in a Commission of the Peace, from those who have not.

Mr. Fitzherbert moved, That the question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "for," in the first line, with a view to insert the following in lieu thereof, "an address to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to obtain, for the information of the House, the opinion of the Attorney-General as to whether persons appointed Magistrates, and not included in a Commission of the Peace, can legally act as Justices of the Peace.

Question, That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question, put and negatived.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.