

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; Mr. Speaker and twenty members being present ; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Constitution Act Committee :—Mr. Fox, Chairman of this Committee, brought up their report, which was read and ordered to be printed.
3. Salary of Puisne Judge :—Mr. Merriman, pursuant to notice, asked the Government, whether it is the intention of the Government to advise his Excellency the Governor to recommend the House to make provision for the claim of Mr. Justice Stephen to an amount of money in lieu of an increase of salary promised by Sir George Grey to the Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court.
Mr. Stafford, in reply, laid on the table a memorandum from Mr. Justice Stephen on this subject, for the consideration of the House.
4. Sale of Public Offices Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to sell certain reserves in the City of Auckland, and to expend the same in building Government Offices.
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 Thursday next.
5. Revenues Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill for declaring certain portions of the revenue raised within the Colony of New Zealand, to be revenue of the Colony, and certain other portions of such revenue raised within each Province, to be revenue of such Province.
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 Friday next.
6. Provincial Postage Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Superintendent and Provincial Council of any Province, to establish postal communication within the Province.
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 Thursday next.
7. Auckland Hospital and Grammar School Endowment Bill :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland, certain reserves in that Province, heretofore granted as endowments for hospitals and grammar schools.
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 Thursday next.
8. Boundaries of Provinces :—Mr. Chas. Brown, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, as a resolution of this House, That, having regard to the number and importance of the interests which may be affected by the alteration of the existing boundaries of Provinces, no such question of altering any such boundaries be entertained by the Assembly, until certain preliminary steps have been taken for ensuring a due publicity with respect to the nature of the proposed alteration, and the causes which may appear to render it desirable ; and that it is expedient that the aforesaid preliminary steps should be defined in the present session.
Question put and passed.
9. Mr. W. G. Brittan, arrears of salary to :—Mr. Hall, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the resolution standing fourth on the notice paper of this day.
Question put and passed.