VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1856.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and twenty-five members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
- 2. Call of the House :- On Mr. Speaker directing the Clerk of the House to call over the names of the members, pursuant to the order of the day for a call of the House, Mr. Stafford moved, That the said order be now discharged from the paper. Question put and passed.
- 3. Leave of Absence: -Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved for extension of leave of absence for the remainder of the session, for Mr. Elliott, one of the members for the Waimea District. Question put and passed.
- 4. Lunatics' Ordinance Amendment Bill :- Mr. Carleton, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Lunatics' Ordinance. Leave given; and, on motion of Mr. Carleton, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.
- 5. Mr. J. Cargill: -Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice, moved, That the letter of Mr. John Cargill to the mover, already read to the House, be entered on the minutes of proceedings. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
- 6. Manager of Bank of Issue: -Mr. C. Brown, pursuant to notice, moved, That the Auditor General he surcharged with the excess he may have received as Manager of the Bank of Issue, over and above half the amount of salary voted by this House for that office. Motion by leave withdrawn.
- 7. Resignation of Mr. Brittin: -Mr. Hall, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause a new writ to be issued for the election of a member to serve in this House, for the Christchurch Country District, in the room of Mr. Brittin, resigned. Question put and passed.
- 8. Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Bill:-Mr. Hall, pursuant to notice, moved, That the amendments in the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Bill, agreed to in conference with the Legislative Council, be adopted by this House. Question put and passed; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Merriman, and Mr. Williamson, were ordered to notify the same to the Legislative Council.
- 9. Postponements :-
 - (1.) On motion of the Colonial Secretary, leave was given to the committee on the Literary
 - and Scientific Institutions Bill to postpone their report to this day week.

 (2.) On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, leave was given to the committee on the Native Offenders Bill to postpone their report until to-morrow.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. C. Brown, leave was given to the committee on the petition of Richard Chilman to postpone their report until Monday next.
- 10. A Message from the Legislative Council having been duly announced, Mr. Speaker was informed that the Legislative Council had adopted the amendments in the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Bill, as agreed to in committee of conference of the two Houses.