

11. Resident Magistrates Courts Extension of Jurisdiction Bill :—Mr. Hall, for Mr. Fitzgerald, and pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the jurisdiction of Resident Magistrates Courts in Civil cases.

Leave given; and, on motion of Mr. Hall, the Bill was read a first and second time.

Mr. Hall 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 Resident Magistrates Courts Extension of Jurisdiction Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer moved, as an amendment, That the House do now proceed to the consideration of the orders of the day.

Amendment put. House divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Carleton,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Merriman (teller).

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hall,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Fox (teller).

12. Provincial Laws Bill :—A Message from the Legislative Council having been duly announced, this Bill, as amended in the Council, was presented to Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Stafford, the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Provincial Laws Bill, was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.

13. Auckland Hospital and Grammar School Reserves Bill :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the report of the committee of the whole House on this Bill was adopted, and the Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The Colonial Secretary moved, That the title of the Bill be, "A Bill to vest in the Superintendent of the Province of Auckland certain Lands, heretofore granted to trustees, as reserves for a Hospital, and for Grammar Schools."

Question put and passed; and Mr. Merriman and Mr. Lee were ordered to present the Bill to the Legislative Council.

14. Waste Lands Bill :—On motion of Mr. Stafford, the amendments by the Legislative Council in this Bill were read and agreed to by the House; and Mr. Fox and Mr. Hall were ordered to signify the same to the Legislative Council.

15. Privileges Bill :—On motion of Mr. Fox, the amendments by the Legislative Council in this Bill were read and agreed to by the House; and Mr. Fox and Mr. Hall were ordered to signify the same to the Legislative Council.

16. Old Land Claims Final Settlement Bill :—The Colonial Treasurer moved, That the House do now proceed to consider order of the day No. 6.

Question put and passed; and, the order of the day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the chair, the House resolving itself into a committee of the whole for further consideration of the Old Land Claims Final Settlement Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

17. Illness of Mr. Speaker :—The Colonial Treasurer moved, That the Chairman of Committees do take the chair; in consequence of the illness of Mr. Speaker.

Question put and passed; and Mr. Speaker retired, the Chairman of Committees taking the chair.

18. Customs Duties Bill :—Mr. Stafford moved for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the Duties of Customs.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; and, on motion of Mr. Stafford, the Customs Duties Bill was read a first and second time; and Mr. Speaker left the chair, the House resolving itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at seven o'clock this evening.

19. Adjournment :—On motion of Mr. Ward, the House adjourned at half-past five o'clock until seven o'clock this evening,