

Miscellaneous—Clerk preparing store accounts £23. Repairs to Resident Magistrate's Office and Court House, Auckland, £38 13s 9d. Partition in Council Chambers for the accommodation of the Colonial Secretary's Department, £22 11s 6d. Repairing guard room £22 10s 4d. Expenses in connexion with the Commission on Native affairs, £49 15s 4d. Total £156 10s 11d.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (2.) Supplementary Estimates:—That this Committee do report to the House that they are unable to entertain the Supplementary Estimates referred to in the preceding resolution, by reason of the want of information before them, information which it was the duty of the Auditor General to have either annexed in writing to the proposed Estimates, or to have been prepared to give, in the fullest manner, in evidence before the Committee. And they deem it right to call the attention of the House specially to the unsatisfactory nature of the Auditor-General's evidence, because unauthorised expenditure, proposed to be sanctioned by Supplementary Estimates, requires to be even more jealously watched than any expenditure for which the House has made due provision.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (3.) Auditor General:—That in the opinion of this House the office of Auditor-General is unnecessary, under the present monetary arrangements of the Colony, and ought to be emitted from the Civil List.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (4.) Audit of Accounts:—That in the opinion of this House, the present arrangements for the Audit of the Accounts of the Colony, is in the highest degree unsatisfactory.

That this House trusts that the attention of the Executive Government will, at the earliest possible period, be directed to the establishment of an efficient and independent Audit of the public Accounts.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (5.) Government House:—That the House be recommended to refer the following resolution to a select Committee to report thereon.

That, in the opinion of this House, the building built by the Provincial Government of Auckland for the Government House, is not suitable for the residence of the Governor.

That the building being built on Crown Land, is the property of the General Government and not of the Province, but that the Province has an equitable claim for the repayment of the cost of the building, in the event of its being taken possession of by the General Government.

That, in the opinion of this House, the building in question is suitable for the Houses of Assembly, and for the offices of the General Government, and that it is very desirable that it should be occupied for that purpose.

That, in order to repay the Province of Auckland for the cost of the building, the present Government offices, and the building of the present Houses of Assembly, together with the lands on which those buildings are situated, be given up to the Province, if the Province will accept such a proposal.

That, in the opinion of this House, wholly independent of the question of the Seat of Government, it is proper that a suitable building for the residence of the Governor should be built in the Government Domain.

Mr. Campbell moved that the consideration of the foregoing resolution be referred to the following select Committee to report thereon, viz., Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Dillon-Bell, Mr. Ward, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Daldy, Mr. Domett, Mr. C. Brown, and the mover. The report to be brought up on Monday next.

Question put and passed.

- (6.) Furniture for Government House:—That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying him to place on the Estimates the sum of £750 for furniture for Government House, to be charged on the temporary loan of £100,000.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (7.) Miscellaneous Estimates:—That his Excellency the Governor be authorised to pay out of the temporary loan of £100,000 the following sums voted by this House, viz., Compensation to Lazarus Berlowitz £350. Purchase of building for Library, Reading Room, &c. for General Assembly £580. Gratuity to Alexander Brown £50. One month's pay to Tidewaiters dismissed at Wellington £33 6s 8d. Surcharge to be re-paid to Mr. Piercy £43 15s. Fencing earthwork in Mechanics' Bay £17 8s 8d. Total £1074 10s 4d.

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by this House, put and passed.

- (8.) Customs Department:—That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it is necessary that the costs and charges of collection and management of the Customs Revenue should be regulated and audited by the General Assembly, and that the same be brought into annual votes of appropriation, in the manner now adopted in the United Kingdom.

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