- 2. Mr. Stafford to move an address to her Majesty the Queen, congratulating her Majesty on the re-establishment of peace.
- 3. Mr. Lee to move, That an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, assuring him that this House, recognizing, as it does, the importance of the Native question as one immediately connected with the present and future prosperity of this Colony, and that, unless approached with great caution and prudence, is likely to bring about hostilities which may lead to the extermination of the Native race; this House, therefore, begs to assure his Excellency of its anxiety to co-operate in carrying out any measure that may be considered calculated to remove present difficulties (should any exist) or prevent future discontent; and humbly submit that it is the opinion of this House that "The Native Offenders Bill" was not of that character, or likely to secure the object desired. This House, therefore, request that his Excellency will, during the recess, fall back on the provisions of the 71st clause of the Constitution Act, and, under its provisions, project some scheme of a safer and less coercive nature, whereby an importance of character and status will be given to the Native race, in the shape of municipal corporations, by instituting Native courts in Native districts, with European Magistrates, in which a system of Native juries shall exist, the qualification of such jurors to be chieftainship. The franchise for Native electors to be registration; some such measure being likely to secure the attachment of the Native race to European institutions and customs, as well as provide a system to secure a census of the Native population.
- 4. Mr. Daldy to move, That a respectful address be presented to the Governor, informing his Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable that as early as possible, the Law which prohibits direct purchases of land from Native owners thereof, should be so far modified as to admit of direct purchases being made through the agency and with the sanction of the Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

- 1. Governor's Deputy Bill-second reading.
- 2. Revenues Bill-second reading.
- 3. Lunatics Ordinance Amendment Bill-to be considered in committee.
- 4. Native Offenders Bill-to be considered in committee.

HUGH CARLETON,

Chairman of Committees.

Acting during the Speaker's temporary absence for the day.