

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; twenty-two members being present.  
Mr. Stafford moved, That, Mr. Speaker being prevented, through illness, from attending on his duties in this House, the Chairman of Committees do take the chair for this day.  
The Clerk having put the question, and it having been carried in the affirmative, the Chairman of Committees took the chair, and read prayers.
2. Petition of Benjamin E. Turner :—Mr. Daldy presented a petition from Mr. B. E. Turner, on behalf of himself and others, relative to loss of property sustained by them at the sacking of Kororareka.  
Petition received, read, and ordered to be printed.

3. Address to her Majesty on the re-establishment of Peace :—Mr. Stafford, by leave of the House, and pursuant to notice, moved the adoption of the following address :—

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

Most Gracious Sovereign,—

We, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of New Zealand, in their House of Representatives assembled, desire, upon the occasion of learning from your Royal Proclamation, that the War with Russia has been brought to an honourable conclusion, to approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our attachment to your Royal Person and loyalty to the Throne.

From this remote part of the Empire your Majesty's subjects have watched with the keenest interest the progress of the great struggle in which Great Britain has been engaged, have sympathised with the sufferings of their fellow-countrymen, and have rejoiced at the repeated and glorious triumphs of your Majesty's arms.

We would add our congratulations to those which will be tendered to your Majesty from every part of your great Empire, that your Majesty has been able to obtain an honourable Peace, attaining those objects for the sake of which the War was undertaken.

We earnestly pray that this Peace may be stable and permanent, that it may establish the liberties of Europe and the happiness of its various Inhabitants, and that, by the favour of Almighty God, your Majesty may long reign to witness and rejoice at the blessings which it may be the means of securing to your Majesty's faithful subjects and to the rest of the civilised world.

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

Mr. Stafford moved, That the address be signed by Mr. Speaker, and by him presented to his Excellency the Governor, with a request that his Excellency will procure that the same be laid before Her Most Gracious Majesty.

Question put and passed.

4. Message :—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor, received and read :—  
Furniture for Government House.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 44.*

In accordance with the request contained in a resolution of the House of Representatives of this day's date, the Governor transmits to that body, additional estimates for the sum of £750 for furniture for Government House, and recommends the House to make provision for the same.

Government House,

Auckland, 9th August, 1856.

On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, his Excellency's Message No. 44 was ordered to be considered in committee of supply.

5. Estimates of Expenditure :—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 Estimates.