

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty-five members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.

2. Petition of Officers of Survey Department:—Mr. Williamson presented a petition from Officers of the Surveyor-General's Department, praying for compensation for loss of office, consequent on the management of the waste lands being transferred to the Provincial Governments.
Petition read and received.

3. Sale of Spirits to Natives:—Mr. Stafford moved, That notices of motion Nos. 2 to 8 be first considered.

Question put and passed.

Mr. East, pursuant to notice, asked the Government whether or not it is their intention to take any steps towards altering the penalties imposed on persons selling spirits to natives.

Mr. Stafford replied, That this subject was under the consideration of the Government, and that they might, possibly during the present session, introduce a measure for that purpose.

4. Leave of Absence:—Mr. Featherston, pursuant to notice, asked for leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Travers, pursuant to notice, asked for leave of absence during the remainder of the session.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cargill, pursuant to notice, asked for leave of absence during the remainder of the session for Captain Cargill, Mr. Macandrew, and himself.

Question put and passed.

5. Postponement:—Mr. Stafford postponed the motion standing in his name, fourth on the notice paper of this day.

6. Allowances to Officer administering the Government:—Major Greenwood, pursuant to notice, moved, That all correspondence relative to disallowance of military emoluments to the Officer lately administering the Government, while in the execution of those civil duties which his position entailed upon him, be laid upon the table of this House.

Question put and passed.

7. Magistrates:—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to amended notice, moved, That the opinion of the Attorney-General respecting the illegality of the appointment of certain Magistrates, already laid on the table of the House, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. Messages:—The following Messages from his Excellency the Governor received and read:—

(1.) Supplementary Estimates.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the accompanying Supplementary Estimates, marked A and B, for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1856, and recommends the House to make provision for the services mentioned therein.

Government House,

Auckland, 3rd July, 1856.

On motion of the Colonial Treasurer his Excellency's Message No. 27 was ordered to be considered in Committee of Supply.

(2.) Aborigines