

dated 16th June, 1853, with its enclosures, relative to the appropriation of the sums devoted to the purposes of education among the Natives.

Also, a copy of the Secretary of State's answer to that despatch.

8. MR. WELLS to move for leave of absence during the remainder of the session.
9. MR. STAFFORD to move, That a select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the practicability of meetings of the Assembly being held away from the Seat of Government, and as to the means of reconciling the difficulties relating to the question of the Seat of Government, and the place of meeting of the Assembly. The Committee to consist of Mr. Carleton, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Fox, the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, and the mover. Report to be brought up this day week.
10. MR. STAFFORD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to prevent communication with certain districts in which Native offenders are received and harboured.
11. MR. BRODIE to move, That the copy of the petition of Mr. J. J. Piercy, with the minutes attached thereto, be referred to a select Committee to report upon the amount of compensation the petitioner (Mr. J. J. Piercy) is entitled to. The Committee to consist of Mr. Beckham, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lee, and the mover.
12. MR. TRAVERS to move, That the recommendations of the Library Committee be adopted by the House.
13. Adjourned debate on the question, That the petitions of officers of the Surveyor-General's Department be referred to a select Committee, to enquire and report on the prayer of the petitions. Committee to consist of Mr. Smith, Mr. East, Mr. Wells, Mr. Ward, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Lee, and the mover.
14. MR. FOX to move, That the petition of the Pensioners, presented by him to this House and the report of last session, be referred to a select Committee. Such Committee to consist of Mr. Merriman, Mr. Williamson, Mr. East, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lee, and the mover.
15. MR. FOX to move for leave to introduce a Bill to carry out the recommendations of the Scrip Committee.  
Also, A Bill to indemnify parties who have acted under certain Acts and Ordinances of Provincial Councils.  
Also, a Bill to enable Provincial Councils to alter the Criminal Law within certain limits.
16. MR. FOX to ask leave to lay on the table, for the adoption by the House, of certain proposed Standing Orders relating to the proceedings on Private Bills and other private matters.
17. The COLONIAL SECRETARY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the division of the Provinces of New Zealand into Counties, Hundreds, and Townships.
18. MR. FOX to move, That Mr. Cargill's letter to Mr. Fox be laid on the table and printed.

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#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Report of the Committee on the Registration Bill.
2. Report of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution Act.
3. Report of the Committee on the Nelson defalcation.
4. Consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 29.
5. Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1857—to be further considered in Committee.
6. New Zealand Debenture Bill—to be re-committed.
7. Provincial Waste Lands Bill—to be considered in Committee.
8. Surplus Revenues distribution Bill—second reading.
9. Provincial Council Privileges Bill—to be considered in Committee.
10. Revenues Bill—second reading.
11. Literary and Scientific Institutions Bill—to be considered in Committee.
12. Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trusts Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
13. Bribery and Treating Bill No. 1—to be considered in Committee.
14. Bribery and Treating Bill No. 2—to be considered in Committee.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
*Speaker.*