
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; Mr. Speaker and twenty-seven members being present ; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. New Zealand Loan Bill :—On motion of Mr. Stafford the second reading of this Bill was ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

3. Petition of Mr. J. J. Piercy :—Mr. Beckham, pursuant to notice, asked the Government whether it is the intention of the Government to take steps with reference to the petition of Mr. J. J. Piercy, forwarded to the Colonial Secretary by the Resident Magistrate of Auckland, on the 9th of April, 1856, and, if so, what those steps are.

Mr. Stafford replied, That the Government could not comply with the prayer of Mr. Piercy's petition, as the House in its last session had only voted half salary to Mr Piercy as Clerk to the Resident Magistrate's Court in Auckland ; but that the Government had determined that the rule, that no Government officer should draw full salary, for two offices should apply equally to all Government officers.

4. Legislative Council :—Mr. East, pursuant to notice, asked the Government, if it is their intention to advise his Excellency the Governor to fill up the vacancies in the Legislative Council, in order that the whole of the Colony may be represented in that Assembly.

Mr. Stafford replied, That there were in reality only two vacancies in the Council, and that the Government would have no objection to advise his Excellency to request authority to enlarge the Council.

5. Standing Orders :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to amended notice, moved, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to prepare Standing Orders relating to the proceedings on private Bills, and other private matters.

Question put and passed.

6. Scrip Restriction Bill :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to carry out the recommendations of the Scrip Committee.

Question put. House divided.

Ayes, 17.
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. East,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Noes, 2.
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bell (teller).

On motion of Mr. Fox the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.