VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1856.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and eighteen members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
- 2. Charles Marsden, trial of:—Mr. Curtis, pursuant to notice, moved, That Mr. Speaker be requested to order that the report of the trial of Charles Marsden, as it appeared in either the "New Zealander" or "Southern Cross" newspapers, be printed with the papers of the House. Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

3. Pensioners' Petition:—Mr. Fox, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That the recommendations contained in the report of the committee on the pensioners' petition, be adopted.

Debate ensued.

On motion of Mr. Ward the debate was adjourned until after the printing of the report of the committee.

4. Papers :- Mr. Stafford laid on the table the following papers :-

Mr. Merriman (teller).

- (1.) Copy of a letter from Mr. Walter Taylor, respecting emigration of persons from Victoria into New Zealand, in continuation of papers laid on the table on the 25th of June, 1856.
- (2.) Copy of Grammar School Trust Deed; also, returns showing the present position of the Trust, &c., being return to an order of the House of the 26th of June, 1856.
- Adjournment (special):—Mr. Fox moved, That this House at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow at two o'clock.
 Question put and passed.
- 6. Postponement:—On motion of Mr. Fox leave was given to the committee on the Constitution Act to postpone their report until this day week.
- 7. Native Offenders' Bill:—Mr. Stafford moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

 Mr. Daldy moved, That the question be amended by the omission of the word a now," with a view to add at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question. House divided.

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Ayes, 13.	Noes, 7.
Mr. Stafford,	Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Treasurer,	Mr. Beckham,
The Colonial Secretary,	Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Fox.
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Henderson.
Mr. Curtis,	Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Carleton,	Mr. Ward (teller).
Mr. Domett,	(,
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Smith,	•

Whereupon question put and passed, and the Bill read accordingly; and the consideration thereof in committee ordered to stand an order of the day for Wednesday next.

8. Adjournment :- On motion of Mr. Stafford the House adjourned at five minutes to five o'clock.