

19. Free institutions, deeply graven in the hearts of Englishmen, the glory of the British Nation,—framed, amended, and maintained by the wisdom and perseverance of successive generations,—have devolved on you as an inheritance. To them we owe much of that enterprize and independence which have been and are the characteristics of our nation in all parts of the world. They have been transplanted for you in their maturity, and their broad shadow spreads already over this favoured land.

20. The history of the growth of these institutions during a thousand years in our native country would be but a tale that is told, and the retrospect of the past but an idle dream if they teach us no lessons of wisdom. May we profit by them; and when time has consigned all who now hear me to the stillness of the grave, and children's children have succeeded to the inheritance of their fathers, may those who will then review the acts of this Assembly feel for you that admiration and esteem which we cannot withhold from the time-honored men to whom we owe our origin and our laws.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE.

Auckland, April 15, 1856.

Mr. Sewell moved, That his Excellency's address be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr Sewell (who informed the House that he had been requested by his Excellency the Governor, to form a Government on the principle of Ministerial Responsibility) the House adjourned until Thursday next, at noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1856.

1. MR. MERRIMAN to move, That a Committee be appointed for the Session, to be called the Standing Orders Committee, to prepare such Standing Orders as they may from time to time deem advisable to be adopted by the House; that the Committee do report on such day as the House may appoint, and from time to time as they may see occasion, or be required by the House; that the Committee be authorised to communicate with any Committee appointed by the Legislative Council with a view to the adoption of Standing Orders to regulate the mode in which the House and Legislative Council may confer, correspond, and communicate with each other. The Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Fox, Mr. Domett, and the mover.
2. MR. STAFFORD to move, That his Excellency be requested to issue a new Writ for the election of a Member for the Motueka and Massacre Bay District, in the room of Charles Parker, Esquire, resigned.
3. MR. DALBY to move, That the honorable member for the Bay of Islands be Chairman of Committees.
4. MR. HALL to move for copies of correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Superintendent of Canterbury respecting an alleged over-payment from the Land Fund to the Provincial Treasury of that Province (in continuation of correspondence already presented to the House).

CHARLES CLIFFORD,
Speaker.