VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment; ten members being present.
 Mr. Stafford moved, That, Mr. Speaker being prevented, through illness, from attending on his duties in the House, the Chairman of Committees, do take the chair for this day.
 The Clerk having put the question, and it having been carried in the affirmative, the Chairman of Committees took the chair, and read prayers.

2. House Counted:—At the conclusion of prayers the following members only were present, viz., Mr. Stafford, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Lee, the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. V. Smith, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Speaker accordingly declared the House adjourned.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1856.

1. Consideration of his Excellency's Messages Nos. 45 and 46.

Mr. Fitzgerald to move, That the following resolutions, adopted by the select committee on the new Government House, be adopted:—

"That, in the opinion of this House, the building in question is suitable for the Houses of Assembly, and for the offices of the General Government, and that it is very desirable that it should be occupied for such purposes.

That, in order to repay the Province of Auckland for the cost of the building, the present Government offices, and the buildings of the present Houses of Assembly, together with the land on which those buildings are situated, and any other public reserves in the Town of Auckland which may be available for that purpose, be given up to the Province, if the Province will accept such proposal.

"That, as part of the arrangement, it will be proper that a suitable building for the residence of the Governor should be erected on the Auckland Government Domain, for which it will be necessary to make provision during the present session."

- 2. Appropriation Bill-to be considered in committee.
- 3. Adjourned debate, in committee on the address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the relations between his Excellency the Governor and his responsible Ministers on the control of Native affairs.
- 4 Lunatics' Ordinance Amendment Bill—to be considered in committee.

HUGH CARLETON,

Chairman of Committees.

Acting during the Speaker's temporary absence for the day.