

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL.

Motion made and question proposed, That the following Resolution be recommended to the House for adoption :—

“ That in the event of the financial scheme of the Government failing from inability to obtain the necessary loan of £500,000, the loan of £200,000 offered by the Home Government for liquidation of the New Zealand Company's Debt shall be raised on the terms proposed, and the mode of payment shall stand over for adjustment amongst the several Provinces at a future period.” (Mr. Fitzherbert.)

Amendment proposed, That the words after the word “ over” in the fourth line be omitted. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question, put and negatived.

Further amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the addition of the following words : “ as part of a general adjustment of the public burdens, it being an essential part of such adjustment that the Land Fund shall be exonerated from its special liability to the purchase of Native Lands, as well as from the New Zealand Company's Debt, and that in accordance with a former resolution of this House, the Province of Auckland shall be relieved retrospectively, as well as prospectively, from any contribution towards the liquidation of that debt, the purchase-money of Native Lands being provided for either by a scheme of consolidated burdens, or by a distinct appropriation of specific portions of such burdens to the respective Provinces, upon the principles affirmed in former resolutions of this House.” (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brittin,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. East,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 11.

Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Whereupon question, as amended, put and passed.

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD, 1856.

House in Committee on his Excellency's Message, No. 26.

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

1. Motion made and question proposed, That this Committee is of opinion that the next sitting of the General Assembly should be held at Akaroa. (Mr. Cuff.)

Amendment proposed, That all the words after the first word “ That” be omitted, with a view of inserting the following in lieu thereof : “ this Committee concurs in his Excellency's opinion, that in adopting the resolution of this House that the next session should be held in a more central place, Wellington is the preferable place for the purpose, and it recommends his Excellency to summon it to meet at that place; and this Committee pledges itself to make the necessary arrangement in the interval, to enable the Session to be held there without detriment to the public service.” (Mr. Fox.)

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