

1856.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON THE
TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives.

VOTES, No. 71, FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1856.

16. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE (*Resolution reported from Committee.*)

Government House,—That the House be recommended to refer the following resolution to a select Committee to report thereon.

That, in the opinion of this House, the building built by the Provincial Government of Auckland for the Government House, is not suitable for the residence of the Governor.

That, the building being built on Crown Land, is the property of the General Government and not of the Province, but that the Province has an equitable claim for the repayment of the cost of the building, in the event of its being taken possession of by the General Government.

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 that purpose.

That, in order to repay the Province of Auckland for the cost of the building, the present Government offices, and the building of the present Houses of Assembly, together with the lands on which those buildings are situated, be given up to the Province, if the Province will accept such a proposal.

That, in the opinion of this House, wholly independent of the question of the Seat of Government, it is proper that a suitable building for the residence of the Governor should be built in the Government Domain.

Mr. Campbell moved, That the consideration of the foregoing resolution be referred to the following select Committee to report thereon, viz., Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Ward, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Daldy, Mr. Domett, Mr. C. Brown, and the mover. The report to be brought up on Monday next.

Question put and passed.

VOTES, No. 79, MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1856.

12. Government House :—Mr. Campbell, Chairman of the committee to whom was referred the consideration of the transfer by the Provincial Government of the building lately erected as a Government House at Auckland, to the General Government, brought up their report, which was read, and ordered to be printed.

R E P O R T.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE of the House of Representatives, appointed August 8th, 1856, to whom was referred the consideration of the transfer by the Provincial Government of the building lately erected as a Government House at Auckland, to the General Government; having carefully considered the matter referred to them, report as follows :—

Your Committee of opinion, that 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 City of Auckland which may be available for that purpose, should 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.

J. LOGAN CAMPBELL,

Chairman.

*Committee Rooms, House of Representatives,
August 11th, 1856.*