

New Zealand.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS

IN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

[EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES.]

Session IV.

No. 1.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st, 1856.

No. 1. PENSIONS BILL:—

1. Question proposed, that the first blank in Schedule A, be filled up with the numerals £466
13s. 4d. (Mr. Sewell)

Amendment proposed, that the numerals £350 be inserted. (Mr. Brown.)

Amendment put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Stafford
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. East,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 3.

Captain Cargill,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Macandrew (teller).

2. Question proposed, That the second blank in Schedule A be filled up with the numerals £400. (Mr. Sewell.)

Amendment proposed, That the numerals £300 be inserted. (Mr. Lee.)

Amendment put. Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Richmond (teller).

Noes, 14.

Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Fox (teller).

3. Further amendment proposed and question put, That the blank be filled up with the numerals £250.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Campbell (teller).

Noes, 17.

Mr. Bell,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Richmond (teller).

4. Further amendment proposed, That the numerals £301 be inserted.—Put and passed.

No. 2.

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

1. Question proposed, That it would be inconvenient to consider estimates based on the assumption of a Loan, until such Loan shall have been first sanctioned by the House, the terms thereof settled, and its intended appropriation defined. (Mr. Stafford.)

Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (The Attorney-General.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Beckham,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Ward,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Taylor,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Clifford,
The Colonial Secretary
(teller).

Noes, 16.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Travers (teller).

2. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (The Attorney-General.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Ward,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Macandrew,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Taylor,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Secretary,
(teller).

Noes, 16.

Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Travers (teller).

3. Motion made and question put, That the Committee do now divide on the original question. (Mr. Sewell.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Travers,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Domett (teller).

Noes, 16.

Mr. Henderson,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Williamson,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Ward (teller).

4. Motion

4. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Fitzherbert.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Cuff,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Henderson,
The Colonial Treasurer,
(teller).

Noes, 15.

Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Ludlam (teller).

5. Motion made, and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (The Colonial Secretary.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Macandrew,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
The Colonial Treasurer,
(teller).

Noes, 15.

Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Richmond (teller).

6. Motion made and question put, That the original question be now put. (Mr. Lee.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Travers (teller).

Noes, 14.

Mr. Daldy,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Ward,
The Attorney-General,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. J. Cargill (teller).

Whereupon original question put and passed.

No. 3.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1856.

No. 1. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

Report of House Committee—

1. Motion made and question put, That the Committee recommend to the House to address his Excellency, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to place such a sum on the Estimates as will be necessary to carry out the other recommendations of the House Committee. (Mr. Bell.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stafford
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. East,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Beckham (teller).

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Featherston,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Fox (teller).

No. 4.

MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 1856.

DISTRICT COURTS BILL.

Clause XIV. read.

1. Motion made and question put, That the words "the title to any real property" be inserted between the words "which" and "the" in the second line. (Mr. Travers.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Domett,
Mr. Williamson,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Travers (teller).

Noes, 12.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fox (teller).

No. 5.

No. 5.

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again at half-past seven o'clock. (Mr. Travers.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Domett,
Mr. East,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Clifford,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Travers (teller).

Noes, 6.

Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Bell (teller),

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. XI. read.

1. Motion made and question put, That the words "the Province of Auckland on its part bearing the sum of £911 8s. 9d, under the Land Claimants Ordinance New Ulster, as a debt incurred for its exclusive advantage" be added to the resolution. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Brodie,
Mr. East,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Dalry,
Mr. Brittin,
The Colonial Secretary
(teller).

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hall,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fitzherbert (teller).

2. Motion

2. Motion made and question put, That Resolution 11, as amended, be recommended to the House for adoption. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Brodie,
Mr. East,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Travers,
The Colonial Secretary,
(teller).

Noes, 10.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Smith,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Macandrew (teller).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Hall.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Hall,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Macandrew (teller),

Noes, 8.

Mr. Domett,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. East,
Mr. Brittin,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Treasurer (teller).

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

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

That this House is of opinion that the administration of the Waste Lands of each Province should be

be transferred to the Provincial Government of such Province, and the Land Revenue thereof made Provincial Revenue, subject to the following charges :—

The Province of Nelson to be subject to a charge of £66,666 13s. 4d., to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent., with a sinking fund of 2 per cent.

The Province of Canterbury to be subject to a charge of £66,666 13s. 4d., to bear interest at the like rate, with a sinking fund at the like rate.

The Province of Otago to be subject to a charge of £66,666 13s. 4d., to bear interest at the like rate, with a sinking fund at the like rate.

The respective Provinces of Auckland and Wellington to be subject respectively, to charges equal to the proportion of the permanent loan borrowed for the purchase of Native lands in such Provinces respectively, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and a sinking fund of 2 per cent.

The Province of New Plymouth to be subject to a charge equal to the proportion of permanent loan borrowed for the purchase of Native lands in such Province, with interest at the like rate, and with the like sinking fund, but after allowing the sum of £20,000 as a first outlay to be made in that Province, in the purchase of Native lands, without charge to such Province. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Amendment proposed, That all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following in lieu thereof, "the debts of New Zealand, viz. :—the amount of loan to be raised to pay off the New Zealand Company's Debt; £200,000 to effect purchases from the Natives in the Northern Island; and the amount necessary to be raised to meet the floating debt of the Colony, say £100,000, be consolidated and charged, together with the expenses of the General Government on the General Revenue (Customs and Territorial); the Territorial Revenue to consist of two shillings and sixpence an acre, and no more, on all land sold or alienated, except on mere Pastoral Licenses, within the Colony (not including those disposed of in satisfaction of Scrip on Land Claims now in existence)." (Mr. Fox.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

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

Noes, 10.

Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Daldy,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fox (teller).

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. New Zealand Company's Debt.—Motion made and question put, That the following Resolution be recommended to the House for adoption.

"That the sum already contributed by the different Provinces towards the New Zealand Company's debt, but not yet remitted home (amounting to £27,000 more or less), and which the Committee of the House have determined shall be considered as a debt of the Colony, and be provided

vided for accordingly, shall be ultimately refunded to the various Provinces in the proportions of their several original contributions to the payment of the New Zealand Company's Debt. (Mr. Fitzherbert.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Hall (teller),

Noes, 14.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Curtis,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Beckham,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Williamson,
Major Greenwood (teller).

No. 6.

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH, 1856.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATES' COURTS AMENDMENT BILL.

Clause 1. After three months from the passing of this Act no Resident Magistrate shall practise at the bar, or as a special pleader or equity draftsman, or be directly or indirectly concerned as a conveyancer, notary public, solicitor, attorney, or proctor.

1. Motion made, That the word "Conveyancer" in the second line be omitted. (Mr. Domett.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 8.

Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Bell (teller).

2. Motion made, That the words "Notary Public" in the third line be omitted. (Mr. Merriman.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Hall,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Noes, 8.

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Bell (teller).

3. Motion.

3. Motion made and question put, That Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill. (Mr. Hall.)
Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 6.

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Bell (teller).

Clause 3. The provisions of this Act shall not be held to apply to persons holding the office of Resident Magistrate at the time of the passing hereof.

Question put and passed, That the word "foregoing" be inserted between the words "the" and "provisions" in the first line. (Mr. Bell.)

4. Motion made and question put, That clause 3, as amended, do stand part of the Bill. (Mr. Hall.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bell (teller).

Noes, 11.

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Clause 6. It shall be lawful for every Resident Magistrate or Justice of the Peace to issue a summons to any person to appear and give evidence before him in any civil action then pending, and by warrant upon proof of the service of such summons to require to be brought before him any person who shall neglect or refuse to appear before him in obedience to such summons; and every person who shall neglect or refuse to appear as aforesaid, or who shall refuse to give evidence, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, or, in default of payment, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen days.

5. Motion made, That all the words after "pending" in the second line, and before "and" in the fourth line, be omitted. (Mr. Travers.)

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

Ayes, 1.

Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 16.

Mr. Williamson,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Beckham (teller.)

Whereupon

Whereupon Clause 6, as amended, read and agreed to.

The Chairman reported progress, for the purpose of recommitting the Bill.

On resuming the Chair, Clause 5, as inserted, read.

Clause 5. It shall not be lawful for any plaintiff to divide any cause of action for the purpose of bringing two or more actions in any Resident Magistrate's Court.

Motion made and question put, That clause 5, as read, do stand part of the Bill. (Mr. Hall.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Beckham (teller).

Noes, 9.

Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Domett,
The Colonial Secretary (teller).

No. 7.

TUESDAY, JULY 1st, 1856.

House in Committee of Ways and Means.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. Land Purchases.—Motion made and question put, That the following resolution be recommended to the House for adoption :—

14. That the loan to be obtained for fresh purchases of Native Lands, be distributed in the following proportions :—

5-10ths to the Province of Auckland	...	..	..	£90,000
3-10ths do. Wellington	..	..	..	54,000
2-10ths { do. New Plymouth, without interest	..	..	..	20,000
do. do. with interest	..	..	..	16,000

(The Colonial Treasurer.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Brown,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Ludlam,
The Colonial Secretary
(teller).

Noes, 7.

Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Graham (teller).

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

15. That the scheme of arrangement and adjustment embodied in the foregoing resolutions, be brought into operation on and from the 1st day of July, 1856, and the Revenue of the Colony distributed and appropriated on that basis on and from that day; and the purchase of Native Lands be thenceforth provided for out of the before mentioned loans. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Amendment proposed, That the numeral "6" be omitted, with a view to insert the numeral "8" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Daldy.)

Question

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

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Treasurer
(teller).

Noes, 10.

Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

Whereupon original question put and passed.

TUESDAY, JULY 1st, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

1. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow. (Mr. Fitzherbert.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bell,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 15.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Domett,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. East,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brown (teller).

2. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress, and ask leave to sit again. (Mr. Fitzherbert.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 9.

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. East,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brown (teller).

Progress reported accordingly.

Wednesday,

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.)

The

The Chairman, upon a point of order, moved Mr. Speaker to the chair, in order to submit the question to his decision.

On resuming the chair, the Chairman reported that Mr. Speaker had ruled that Mr. Cuff's motion not being directly relevant to the subject referred to the Committee, viz., his Excellency's Message, was out of order; whereupon the motion was withdrawn accordingly, and Mr. Fox moved the amendment he had proposed, as an original question.

Amendment proposed, That all the words of the resolution after the first word "That" be omitted, with a view to insert the following words in lieu thereof: "an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor praying him to appoint the next meeting of the General Assembly to be held at such place as may appear to him most conducive to the interests of this Colony." (Mr. Daldy.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Ludlam,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. East,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Ward (teller).

Noes, 16.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Domett,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

Further amendment proposed, That the following words be added to the resolution:—"That provided his Excellency should decide that Akaroa be a more convenient situation for the meeting of the next General Assembly than the head quarters of the various departments, this House will not oppose any such expression of his Excellency's opinion." (Major Greenwood.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 1.

Major Greenwood (teller).

Noes, 22.

Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. East,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Beckham,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ward (teller).

Further

Further amendment proposed, That the word "Wellington" be omitted with a view to insert the word "Nelson" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Lee.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Brittin,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. East,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brown,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Ward (teller).

Noes, 14.

Mr. Travers,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stafford,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Taylor (teller).

Whereupon original question put and passed.

THURSDAY, JULY 3RD, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

1. Motion made and question proposed, That this House being of opinion that all expenses incurred in the support of the Establishments of Resident Magistrates' Courts throughout the Colony (not already provided for in the Civil List) should be borne by the General Government, that his Excellency the Governor be requested to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates, to give effect to such principle. (Major Greenwood.)

Amendment proposed, That all the words after the word "Colony" be omitted with a view to insert the following—"excepting those which are maintained entirely for Native purposes, should not be borne on the General Estimates." (Mr. Hall.)

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

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 23.

Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Beckham,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Travers,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. East,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

Further

Further amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the addition of the following words—" should be borne on the General Estimates." (Major Greenwood).

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

Question, That the resolution as amended be adopted.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Henderson,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Taylor, (teller).

Noes, 19.

The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Mr. Hall,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. East,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Macandrew (teller),

Question, That the Chairman do report progress, put and passed.

No. 8.

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

Legislative Council.—Motion made and question put. That a sum not exceeding £300 be appropriated to defray the expenses of members, at 20s. per diem. (The Colonial Treasurer).

Committee divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Bell,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Brodie, (teller).

Noes, 11.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Henderson,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE.

1. Resident Magistrates Court, Wanganui.—Motion made and question put, "That a sum not exceeding £54 15s. be allowed to the Resident Magistrate in lieu of forage." (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Merriman,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Graham (teller)

Noes, 6.

Mr. Hall,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Bell (teller).

2. Post Office, Nelson.—Motion made and question put, That a sum not exceeding £250 be appropriated to defray the salary of Postmaster at Nelson. (Mr. Brown.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 13.

Mr. Lee,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Wells, (teller.)

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH, 1856.

House in Committee on Bribery and Treating Bill, No. 1.

1. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do report progress, and ask leave to sit again this day six months. (Mr. Daldy.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Daldy, (teller).

Noes, 11.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
The Colonial Secretary,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Brown (teller).

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

1. Salary of his Excellency the Governor.—Motion made and question proposed, That in the opinion of this Committee the salary of the Governor of New Zealand ought to be £3500 per annum, and that a proportionate increase ought to be made in the Civil List; and that a respectful address be presented to Her Majesty, praying her to allow the necessary provision to be made for effecting such increase. (Mr. Stafford.)

Amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the omission of the numerals "3,500" with a view of inserting "3,000" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Daldy.)

Question put, That the numerals proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Beckham
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Williamson, (teller.)

Noes, 4.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Daldy, (teller)

Whereupon original question put and passed.

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT.

1. Motion made and question proposed, That in the opinion of this House, the tenure of office of Judges of the Supreme Court, ought to be assimilated as nearly as may be, to that of Judges in England.

That there ought to be a Chief Justice, and two Puisne Judges of such Court.

That so soon as Judges shall be appointed in accordance with these resolutions, the salary of the Chief Justice ought to be £1,400 per annum, and that of the two Puisne Judges £1000 each per annum. That a proportionate increase ought to be made in the Civil List; but no second Puisne Judge ought to be appointed till this House shall have resolved that the said appointment is necessary.

That the appointment of Judges should be with Her Majesty, but to be exercised on the recommendation of some one of the Judges of the Superior Courts in England, who may be from time to time designated in that behalf by the Colonial Government, on behalf of the Colony.

That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency, praying him to take the necessary steps towards effecting the above object. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Amendment proposed, That the following words be inserted after the words "in England" in the third line of the resolution and appended to the first paragraph—"That the Judges of the Supreme Court ought not to be removable from their offices, except on an address from the House of Representatives, concurred in by two-thirds of the whole number of its members, and should only be liable to suspension by the Governor on a like address. (Mr. Fox.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes,

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Noes, 10.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brown,
The Colonial Treasu
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Bell (teller),

Further amendment proposed, That the following words be appended after the words "in England," in the third line of the resolution :—" That the Judges of the Supreme Court ought not to be removable except by her Majesty, on an address from both Houses of the General Assembly, and should only be liable to suspension by the Governor, on a like address." (Mr. Fox.)

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

Whereupon question as amended put and passed.

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

SUPREME COURT—SALARY OF PUISNE JUDGE.

2. Motion made and question put, That a sum not exceeding £200 be allowed as additional salary to the Acting Puisne Judge. (Mr. Bell.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Bell,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Colonial Secretary
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Williamson (teller).

Noes, 7.

Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Beckham (teller).

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH, 1856.

House in Committee on Constitution Act.

1. Question proposed, That the constituent powers vested in the General Assembly by the Constitution Act, are inconveniently restricted, and that it is desirable to obtain from Parliament the largest possible measure of constituent powers for the said General Assembly. And in particular that the General Assembly should be empowered to alter the provisions of the said Act, except the provisions contained in the following clauses, viz,—1, 2, 3, 18, 25, 28, 29, 32, 44, 45, 46, 47, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 65, 71, 80, and so much of clause 40 which does not relate to the number of members of the House of Representatives. Also the Schedule of the said Act.

But that every Bill for making such alteration should be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon. (Mr. Stafford.)

Question put and passed, That the clauses referred to, and numbered in the foregoing resolution, be considered *seriatim*.

2. Motion made and question put, That the clause 3 stand part of the resolution. (Mr. Stafford.)

Committee divided

Ayes,

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. East,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Domett,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Taylor (teller).

Noes, 7.

Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brown (teller).

No. 10.TUESDAY, JULY 29TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

ARREARS OF SALARY TO MR. W. G. BRITTAN.

1. Motion made and question put, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency, praying that he will recommend this House to make provision for the arrears of salary due to Mr. W. G. Brittan, formerly Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Canterbury. (Mr. Hall.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Hall (teller).

Noes, 11.

The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Smith
Mr. East,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Curtis, (teller)

PETITION OF OFFICERS OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

2. Motion made and question put, That the recommendation contained in the report of the Select Committee on the petitions received from certain officers of the Surveyor General's Department be adopted by the Committee. (Mr. Williamson.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson, (teller.)

Noes, 14.

Mr. Smith,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Graham,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Bell,
The Colonial Secretary,

Noes,

Noes—(*continued*)

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Clifford,
Mr. Fox, (teller).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH, 1856.

House in Committee on Scrip Restriction Bill.

1. Motion made and question put, That the following clause be inserted as clause 7 of the Bill :—

No such Land Orders or Scrip shall be exercised in any Province within the limits of any township or small farm settlement, established under a special scheme limiting the application of the proceeds of lands sold within such limits to the special benefit of such township or settlement, or within any district which may be set apart by the Superintendent as supposed to contain valuable minerals, except with the consent of the Superintendent and Provincial Council of the Province, within which the same may be situated ; and wherever the Government of any Province shall have expended public money in laying out and otherwise giving value to lands set apart as a township, or small farm settlement, and shall in selling such lands fix any portion of the price thereof, in addition to an upset price of 1*l*. per acre, to be payable in cash for the purpose of repaying to the Provincial Treasury the money so expended, Government Scrip shall only be received in payment of the upset price of 1*l*. per acre, but shall not be received (except with the consent of the Superintendent of such Province) in payment of the additional portion so fixed as payable in cash for the purpose aforesaid. (Mr. Bell.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Domett,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Bell, (teller.)

Noes, 15.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Ward,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Beckham,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Graham (teller).

House in Committee of Supply.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES IN EXCESS, FOR 1855.

2. Motion made and question put, That the Chairman do now report progress and ask leave to sit again to-morrow. (Mr. Stafford.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Beckham
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Taylor, (teller.)

Noes, 10.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Daldy
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Bell, (teller.)

No. 11.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 1855.

House in Committee on Old Land Claims Final Settlement Bill.

Clause 31. For all lands to be granted under recommendations of the Commissioners in satisfaction of claims arising under the Proclamation of the 10th of October, 1844, and in respect of which claims no Grants or Compensation shall have been received by the claimant, there shall be paid by the claimant for every acre of land so to be granted, the sum of five shillings; provided that when in the opinion of the Commissioners, the land to be granted is not worth five shillings per acre, they may reduce the sum to be paid by claimant to any sum not less than one shilling per acre.

1. Motion made and question proposed, That the word "five" in the fourth line of the clause be omitted with a view of substituting the word "two" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Graham.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Colonial Secretary
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Hall (teller.)

Noes, 6.

Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Graham, (teller.)

House in Committee on the Customs Duties Bill. Clause 2 read.

2. The Duties of Customs now chargeable on the importation of goods, wares, and merchandize next hereafter specified, shall cease and determine, and in lieu thereof the following duties shall be charged on all such goods, wares and merchandize imported into the Colony of New Zealand, or cleared from any warehouse for home consumption from and after the 5th day of August 1856, viz.—

	£	s.	d.
1. Spirits and Strong Waters of every kind, sweetened or otherwise, of any strength not exceeding the strength of proof by Syke's hydrometer, and so on in proportion for any greater or less strength than the strength of proof, the gallon	0	8	0
2. Tobacco, the lb	0	1	0
3. Cigars and Snuff, the lb	0	3	0
4. Wine, in wood and bottle, containing less than 25 per cent. of alcohol of a specific gravity of .825 at temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit's thermometer, the gallon	0	3	0
5. Ale, Beer, Cider, and Perry in wood, the gallon	0	0	6
Ale, Beer, Cider, and Perry, in bottle, the gallon	0	1	0
6. Tea, the lb.	0	0	4
7. Sugar, raw and refined, of all kinds, and Treacle and Molasses, the lb.	0	0	1
8. Coffee, Chicory, Cocoa, and Chocolate, the lb.	0	0	2
9. Boots and Shoes, Hats, Apparel of all kinds, and all material for making apparel, Jewellery, Cutlery, Clocks, Watches, and Plated Ware, and all Silk, Woollen, Cotton, and Linen Manufactures, Spermaceti, Stearine, and Wax Candles (measuring outside the packages) the cubic foot	0	3	0
10. All other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, the cubic foot	0	1	0
Or at the option of the principal Officer of Customs at the port of entry at which the same shall be imported, the cwt.	0	2	0

2. Motion made and question put, That the word "not" be inserted after the word "shall" at the end of the second line of the clause. (Mr. Fox.)

Committee

Ayes, 1.
Mr. Dady (teller).

Noes, 16.
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Merriman,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Williamson (teller.)

Clause 2, Item 2, Motion made and question put, That the numeral "3" be inserted after the numeral "1" in the item. (Mr. Smith.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Cuff,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Brodie,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brown (teller).

Noes, 10.
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fox (teller).

Clause 2, Item 6. Motion made and question put, That the numeral "2" be substituted for the numeral "4" in the item. (Mr. Lee.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

Noes, 12.
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Taylor,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Hall,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Curtis (teller.)

Question put and passed, That numeral "3" be substituted for numeral "4" in item 6. (Mr. Merriman.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

NATIVE EXPENDITURE. HIS EXCELLENCY'S MESSAGE, No. 28.

1. Motion made and question proposed, That, on consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 28, the sum of £1500 be granted to his Excellency for general contingencies; such sum to be expended at his Excellency's absolute discretion for Native purposes, subject only to an account of such expenditure being laid before the Houses of Assembly. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the omission of the figures "1500" with a view of inserting "500" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Fox.)

Question put, That the question be amended by the omission of the figures "1500," and the insertion of "500" in lieu thereof.

Committee

Committee divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Graham,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. East,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Hall (teller.)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Lee,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Domett,
The Colonial Secretary (teller.)

Amendment carried by the Chairman giving his vote with the "Ayes," stating that he did so as "believing the present system to be vicious in principle, he could not countenance it for the sake of temporary expediency."

Question as amended put and passed.

No. 12.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY—Consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 46.

1. Question proposed, That this Committee recommends the House to address his Excellency informing him in answer to his Excellency's Message No. 46, that, having regard to the present state of the finances of the Colony, the House does not feel authorised to grant any sum of money for the service mentioned in the Message, as a Select Committee of the House has reported that a sum of at least £2,500 will be required for the purpose. (Mr. Merriman.)

Amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view of inserting the following in lieu thereof—"this House having pledged itself to make the arrangements necessary to enable the next meeting of the Assembly to be held at Wellington, and as the expense of such arrangements will not have to be met during the present financial year, it is not necessary in the opinion of this House to place any sum for this purpose on the Estimates this session. (Mr. Fox.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Stafford,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Daldy (teller)

Noes, 12.

Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Domett,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. East,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Ward (teller).

Original question put.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,

Noes, 12.

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. East,
Mr. Ward,

Ayes, 13.

Ayes, 13.—(*continued*).

Mr. Taylor,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Beckham (teller).

Noes, 12.—(*continued*.)

The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Fox (teller).

2. Motion made and question put, "That the Chairman report progress and recommend the resolution to the House for adoption." (Mr. Merriman.)

Committee divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Merriman,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy (teller).

Noes, 2.

Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Bell (teller).

There being only fifteen members' names on the division lists, the Chairman moved Mr. Speaker to the Chair, in order to report there was not a quorum present.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

NATIVE EXPENDITURE—Consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 45.

1. Motion made and question proposed, that the following address to his Excellency the Governor be recommended to the House for adoption. (Mr. Bell.)

May it please your Excellency,—

The House of Representatives has taken into its respectful consideration your Excellency's Message No. 45, desiring that the House would reconsider its recent vote on the subject of Native expenditure.

The House begs leave to assure your Excellency of its earnest desire to respond with proper liberality to requests from your Excellency for the grant of money required to make due provision for the public service. At the same time, when this House remembers that the sum of £7000 which Parliament had specially placed at the disposal of the Governor of the Colony for Native purposes, has been, without the sanction of the House, and contrary to its wishes, appropriated to objects over which it has no control; that, by maintaining that appropriation upon the Civil List, the fund properly applicable to the services referred to in your Excellency's Message is withdrawn from your hands; that a total sum of £14,872 has been devoted, partly by the Civil List and permanent appropriations, and partly by grants of the House to Native services, including the interest upon a capital sum of £3000 placed at your Excellency's disposal for Native Loans; above all, that the further sum now proposed to be granted would not be expended under the direction of your Excellency's ministers, this House feels that it would fail in its duty to the country were it, in the present state of the finances, to place a further sum for Native services upon the estimates of the present year.

At the same time, this House recognizes the difficulties connected with the management of the Natives, to which your Excellency has again called its attention; and when your Excellency is pleased to assure the House that, in your judgment, the expenditure for which the additional grant is asked, cannot be retrenched without probable danger to the peace of the Colony, this House will not refuse, not an appeal to its liberality, but a reference to considerations of such paramount duty as the one of relieving your Excellency from serious embarrassment and risk.

If,

If, therefore, circumstances should arise involving the maintenance of peaceful relations between the races, and your Excellency should, in consequence, feel it imperatively necessary, before the next session of the Assembly, to expend upon Native purposes a sum not exceeding £1000, in addition to the amounts already granted, this House respectfully begs to assure your Excellency that it will make good the same in the supplies of the year 1857-8.

Amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the omission of the words "without the sanction of the House and contrary to its wishes," in the ninth line of the address. (the Colonial Treasurer.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 9.
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Bell (teller).

Noes, 9.
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Lee,
The Colonial Treasurer,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Curtis (teller).

The Chairman gave his casting vote with the "Ayes," stating that he did so, because he believed that the sum of £7000 specially placed by Parliament at the disposal of the Governor, had been alienated from the purpose to which it was originally destined.

Thereupon original question put and passed.

House in Committee of Supply.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Motion made and question proposed, That the following resolution be recommended to the House for adoption. (Mr. Fitzgerald.)

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 City 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, and that a sum not exceeding £8000 be appropriated out of the Debenture Loan of £100,000.

Amendment proposed, That all the words after the word "Domain" in the third paragraph, be omitted. (Mr. Bell.)

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

Committee divided.

Ayes, 17.
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Campbell,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Brodie,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. East,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson, (teller).

Noes, 4.
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Bell (teller.)

Whereupon original question put and passed.