

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposed by Arama Karaka, and seconded by Rangatira Moetara :

That the President be requested to state the amount of salaries proposed for the members of the Runanga, and other Native officers connected with the Government in this district.—Agreed to.

A list containing the amount of salaries proposed was accordingly laid upon the table.

Proposed by Ilemi Marupo, and seconded by Aperahama Taonui :

That the Runanga go into committee for the purpose of considering the list now produced.—Agreed to.

Runanga went into committee.

Proposed by Arama Karaka, and seconded by Rangatira Moetara :

That the Committee having taken into consideration the difference in the salaries proposed for the members of the Runanga, are of opinion that all the salaries should be alike, inasmuch as the salaries proposed for the wardens are alike; those for the kareres are also alike. The Committee also desire to record their opinion that His Excellency the Governor be requested to increase the salary of an assessor to £20 (twenty pounds) per annum.

Referred by the Committee to the Runanga.

House resumed. Report of the Committee received.

Proposed by Aperahama Taonui, and seconded by Rangatira Moetara :

That, in the opinion of this Runanga, although the salaries of the assessors commence on the same scale, should the Resident Magistrate of the Hundred at any time wish to recommend an assessor, whose energy and good conduct may have entitled him to an increase of salary, he shall bring the question before the Runanga, who will submit the same for the approval of His Excellency the Governor.—Agreed to.

Proposed by Arama Karaka Pi, and seconded by Kingi Wiremu Tareha:

That this Runanga will exert its influence to put a stop to all Maori tauas, and that all differences and disputes shall be adjusted by the Magistrates and Native assessors.—Agreed to.

Proposed by Arama Karaka Pi, and seconded by Rangatira Moetara :

That the time for the next meeting of the Runanga be fixed for the month of March, 1863; the President to fix the day of the month, and communicate with the members.—Agreed to.

Proposed by Aperahama Taonui, and seconded by Kingi Wiremu Tareha :

That a building for the Runanga be erected at Waimate, on the land offered by G. Clarke, Esq., to the Government.—Agreed to.

Proposed by Aperahama Taonui, and seconded by Kingi Wiremu Tareha :

That some plan be adopted for raising a subscription towards a Runanga building;—the sum thus raised to be added to the £100 granted by the Government.—Agreed to.

Proposed by Aperahama Taonui, and seconded by Hare Hongi Hika :

That, as far as possible, all the proceedings in this district shall be conducted according to English law.—Agreed to.

The chiefs of the Runanga having expressed a wish that the business should be brought to a close, the President, after a short address, dismissed the Runanga.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. In all cases not hereinafter provided, the President shall decide.
2. The sitting days of the Runanga shall be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, unless otherwise ordered by the Runanga.
3. The President shall take the chair at ten o'clock, unless another hour shall have been appointed.
4. If, at the expiration of half an hour after the hour appointed, there be not six members present to form a quorum, the President shall adjourn the meeting until the hour appointed for the next day.
5. The public shall have free access to these meetings, but at the request of any member, the President shall at any time order strangers to withdraw.
6. After the reading of the prayer appointed for the Runanga, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read and confirmed.
7. Motions of which previous notice shall have been given, shall be taken into consideration.
8. Notices of motion may be given at any convenient opportunity in the course of the day.
9. Every member shall address the President when speaking.
10. All questions of order shall be decided by the President.
11. The President shall confine each speaker to the subject matter of debate, nor shall it be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker.
12. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon the same subject, except when in Committee of the whole House.
13. No subject which shall have been under the consideration of the Runanga, and disposed of, shall be again brought forward during the same session: nor shall notice of motion on any such subject be permitted by the President to be received.
14. No notice shall be taken of any motion unless it be seconded.
15. Notices of motion for the appointment of select committees shall contain the names of the members proposed to serve on such committees.
16. No act, regulation, or by-law, shall be passed by the Runanga, until the following regulations shall have been observed. 1st.—ordered to be read a first time: 2d.—considered in detail, in committee of the whole House.
17. The Runanga shall have power at any time to add to the number of the "Standing Orders."