

RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO REGULATION OF ELECTIONS ACT AND DUTY ON GOLD.

RESOLUTION relative to REGULATION OF ELECTIONS ACT.

“THAT this Council is of opinion that the Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand of 1858, intituled ‘An Act to make provision for the regulation and conduct of Elections of Members of the House of Representatives’ requires amendment, inasmuch as the present system of open voting is inexpedient and opposed to the fair exercise of electoral rights, and that vote by ballot should be substituted in lieu of the procedure prescribed by the said Act; and that an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to take steps to lay this Resolution before the General Assembly, and to cause a Bill to be introduced therein to give effect to the same.”

Passed the Provincial Council May 23rd, 1867.

(Signed) CHAS. SMITH,
Clerk of Council.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Speaker.

RESOLUTION relative to DUTY ON GOLD.

“THAT this Council is of opinion that Gold Mining being a permanent industry, is beneficial to the Province of Otago and New Zealand generally, and should be encouraged; and in order to give every facility to the investment of capital and the working of inferior auriferous ground, the time has arrived when the duty on gold should be reduced at the rate of sixpence per ounce per annum until the duty shall be abolished; and that a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent requesting him to forward this Resolution to the General Assembly with the view of giving effect thereto.”

Passed the Provincial Council May 17th, 1867.

(Signed) CHAS. SMITH,
Clerk of Council.

(Signed) WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS,
Speaker.
