

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :—

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Mr. Murray-Aynsley,
Sir George Grey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Montgomery,

Mr. Macfarlane,
Mr. Rees,
Mr. Reader Wood,
Hon. Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Order of Reference of 9th day of August read.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rees, That Mr. J. E. Macdonald, Mayor of the Thames, be summoned to Wellington by the earliest available steamer, to give evidence before the Committee relative to the payment by the Government of the overdraft of the Corporation of that Borough and to bring with him all documents connected with the matter.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :—

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Mr. Murray-Aynsley,
Sir George Grey,
Mr. Macfarlane,
Mr. Montgomery,

Mr. Rees,
Hon. Mr. Reynolds,
Hon. Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Reader Wood.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Extract from *Hansard* read; page 308, August 9th, 1877.

Mr. J. E. Macdonald examined (*vide* Minutes of Evidence.)

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Rees, That Mr. Whitaker be requested to attend to give evidence before the Committee at the next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned until Tuesday, the 28th August, at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :—

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Mr. Murray-Aynsley,
Sir George Grey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Macfarlane,

Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Rees,
Mr. Reader Wood,
Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Hon. Mr. Whitaker attended the Committee and was examined (*Vide* Minutes of Evidence.)

The Hon. Major Atkinson, and Mr. Reader Wood, also gave evidence (*Vide* Minutes of Evidence.)

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, That Mr. FitzGerald, Commissioner of Audit, be requested to attend the Committee in order to give evidence.

The Committee then adjourned until next day.

WEDNESDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Mr. Murray-Aynsley,
Sir George Grey,
Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Rees,
Mr. Reader Wood.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. FitzGerald attended the Committee and was examined.

The Committee then adjourned until Friday, 31st August.