

New Zealand.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SESSION II.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1854.

PRESENT :—The Speaker and 28 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read prayers.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr. Sewell gave notice that at the next sitting of the House he would move for leave to bring up the Report of the Committee, appointed to consider and report as to the legal and valid effect of the late prorogation of the General Assembly. Also,—the Reports on the Dower Bill, the Powers of Attorney Bill, and the Land Claimant's Estate Bill.

Mr. Sewell gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move the Resolution which now stands on the Notice Paper, in his name, for a future day, relative to the adjustment of the Public Burthens of the Colony.

Mr. Travers gave notice that, this evening, he would move the third reading of the Land Claimants' Estate Bill.

Mr. Merriman gave notice that, this evening, he would move the third reading of the Dower Bill.

Mr. Lee gave notice that, this evening, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to Empower the General Assembly to transfer to the Provincial Councils all the powers contained in the 72nd Clause of the Constitution Act.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald the Waste Lands Bill was read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Ludlam and Mr. Fitzgerald were charged with the presentation of the Bill to the Legislative Council.

A Message from His Excellency the Officer administering the Government was announced; His Excellency's Private Secretary was introduced, who delivered the following Messages, which were read by Mr. Speaker :—

MESSAGE No. 14.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives, a copy of a correspondence which has taken place on the subject of a special allowance being granted to the Officers and Men, of Her Majesty's Regiments, serving in New Zealand, in consequence of the present high price of the necessaries of life.

His Excellency has been requested, by the Military Authorities, to forward this to the House, for its favourable consideration when the Estimates of the Public Expenditure are under discussion; accompanied with an intimation that the issue of 5s. per diem to the Officers, and a free ration to the non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates, has as yet