

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and twenty-eight members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Lapsed Questions:—Mr. Brodie not being in his place, the questions standing in his name, first and fourth on the notice paper of this day, lapsed.
3. Residence for his Excellency the Governor:—Mr. Hall, pursuant to notice, asked the Government what steps the Government intend to take for the purpose of providing a residence for his Excellency the Governor.
The Colonial Treasurer laid on the table a correspondence between the Provincial Government of Auckland and the General Government on this subject, and stated that the Government were not at present prepared to say what course they would ultimately adopt.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Williamson postponed the question standing in his name, third on the notice paper of this day, until to-morrow.
5. Petition of Thomas Duder and William Oliver:—Mr. Williamson, pursuant to notice, moved, That the petition of the “Buffalo” seamen be referred to a select Committee, to consider and report upon the prayer of the petition; Committee to consist of Mr. Merriman, Mr. East, Mr. Cargill, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lee, and the mover; report to be brought up this day week.
Question put and passed.
6. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Brown, by leave of the House, withdrew the motion standing in his name, sixth on the notice paper of this day.
7. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The report of the Committee on the Province of Taranaki Bill was postponed, on motion of Mr. Brown, until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) The report of the Committee on Land Scrip was postponed, on motion of Mr. Fox, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The report of the Committee on changes in the Constitution Act was postponed, on motion of Mr. Fox, until Thursday next.
 - (4.) The Report of the Committee on the Nelson defalcation was postponed, on motion of Mr. Fox, until Thursday next.
 - (5.) The report of the Committee on the Marriage Act was postponed, on motion of Mr. Ward, until Thursday next.
8. Land Sales and Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Stafford, in pursuance of a promise made by him yesterday, and in answer to questions then put to him, stated that the documents asked for should be laid on the table of the House.
9. Financial Policy of the Government:—The adjourned debate on the question, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for the purpose of considering the financial policy of the Government, resumed.
Mr. Featherston moved the following amendment, That all the words of the question be omitted, with a view to insert the following; That this House is of opinion that the financial scheme proposed by the Government is unsatisfactory, as throwing the expenses of the General Government exclusively on the customs' revenue and a few incidental receipts, thereby leaving the Provinces almost entirely to the uncertain resource of the land revenue; and that no scheme of finance will give satisfaction to this House which does not provide for a contribution from the land fund towards the expenses of the General Government, in accordance with the principle embodied in the resolutions adopted by the House on the 14th of May last.
Debate continued.

Mr. Fox