

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty-two members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Petition of Daniel Munro :—Major Greenwood presented a petition from Daniel Munro, late a sergeant in the Militia, stating that he had been severely wounded at Ruapekapeka, from which he would be partially disabled for life; that he had for some years received a small pension from the Government, but which had lately been withdrawn, and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
Petition read and received.
3. Postponements :—
 - (1.) Mr. Travers postponed the notice standing in his name, third on the notice paper of this day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Fox postponed the motions standing in his name, tenth on the notice paper of this day until to-morrow, and the eleventh until a future day.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. Domett leave was given to the Committee on Old Land Claims to postpone their report to this day week.
 - (4.) On motion of Mr. Fox leave was given to the Committee on the Registration Bill to postpone their report until this day week.
 - (5.) On motion of Mr. Fitzherbert leave was given to the Committee on Reporting Debates to postpone their report to Friday next.
 - (6.) On motion of Mr. C. Brown leave was given to the Committee on Sir George Grey's Land Regulations to postpone their report until Friday next.
 - (7.) On motion of Mr. Fox leave was given to the Committee on Land Scrip to postpone their report until to-morrow.
 - (8.) On motion of Mr. Hall leave was given to the Committee on Re-printing Public Documents to postpone their report until this day week.
4. Motions withdrawn :—(1.) Major Greenwood withdrew the motion standing in his name, sixth on the notice paper of this day, on receiving an assurance from the Government that the cases therein referred to should receive the attention of the Government.
(2.) Mr. Lee withdrew the motion standing in his name, seventh on the notice paper of this day.
5. Papers :—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers :—
 - (1.) Conditions of service of Staff Officers and Pensioners of the New Zealand Fencible Force, being return to an order of the House of the 11th of June, 1856.
 - (2.) Correspondence relative to the erection of colonial lighthouses, being return to an address to his Excellency the Governor, dated 23rd instant.
 - (3.) A file of the "Maori Messenger."
6. Petition of Commander McDonnell, R. N. :—On motion of Mr. Domett the report of the Committee to whom this petition had been referred was ordered to be printed.
7. Crown Lands, Otago :—Mr. Cargill, pursuant to notice, asked the Government what steps have been taken upon the reports of the acting Commissioner of Crown Lands in Otago, to the effect of an illegal sale having been attempted by Commissioner Mantell of fifty acres of land, in the centre of a town site, taking in payment for the same a land order for fifty acres of rural land.
Mr. Stafford replied, That the Government required further information on this subject before any steps could be taken in the matter.