

Ayes, 19.
 Mr. Curtis,
 Mr. Hall,
 Mr. Bell,
 Mr. Domett,
 Mr. Smith,
 Mr. Featherston,
 Mr. Cuff,
 Mr. Richmond,
 Mr. Stafford,
 Mr. Ludlam,
 Mr. Wells,
 Mr. Elliott,
 Mr. Sewell (teller).

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Carleton,
 Mr. Campbell
 Mr. Brodie,
 Major Greenwood,
 Mr. Merriman,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Williamson,
 Mr. Brown (teller).

Whereupon, question as amended put and passed.

Mr. Sewell moved that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, embodying the resolution as adopted by the House.

Question put and passed.

8. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Bell the House adjourned at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1856.

1. MR. SEWELL to ask the Attorney General, whether it is the intention of the Government to prepare any supplementary estimates.
2. MR. STAFFORD, To ask the honourable member at the head of the Government, whether he has any objection to lay upon the table any information which he may have received, relative to the obtaining of gold on certain Waste Lands of the Crown in the Province of Nelson. Also, to state what measures the Government proposes to adopt for regulating the working of such gold fields, and for the preservation of the peace throughout the same.
3. MR. SEWELL to ask the hon. the Attorney-General, whether it is the intention of the Government to make any, and what provision for the following outstanding liabilities of the Government, viz.:—
 The advance from the Union Bank of Australia.
 Balance due to the Agent-General in England.
 Admitted balances due to Provinces, in particular to the Province of Auckland.
4. MR. SEWELL to ask the hon. the Attorney-General, whether he is prepared to lay before the House the data of calculation on which the revenue of the ensuing year is estimated; and whether such data have been furnished by the Auditor-General and Collector of Customs of Auckland.
5. MR. SEWELL to ask the hon. the Attorney-General whether it is the intention of the Government to bring the proposed changes affecting the land fund into immediate operation; and if so, what steps have been or are being taken with that object, or when it is proposed that such changes shall come into operation.
6. MR. SEWELL to ask the hon. the Attorney-General, what sum it is proposed to apply, in the ensuing financial period, towards the purchase of native lands; and from what source to be derived; and the particulars of the proposed application thereof.
7. MR. SEWELL to ask the hon. the Attorney-General whether, failing the negotiation for a settlement of the New Zealand Company's Debt, or pending the same, it is proposed to make any, and what, provision for payment of the arrears of fourths of the land fund to the Company, due and accruing.
8. MR. SEWELL, to ask the hon. the Attorney General, whether it is the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates, the sum of £66,000, being two thirds of the Estimated net Customs Revenue for the service of the Provincial Governments.

Also to move, that a respectful address be presented to His Excellency praying him to place on the Estimates such a sum as he may be advised to be the probable amount of distributable Surplus during the ensuing financial period, in order that the House may, within prudent limits, make an appropriation thereof for the service of the Provincial Governments, and prescribe such mode of payment as may appear convenient.

9. Mr. Macandrew