

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty-five members begin present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.

2. Papers :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table the following papers :—
Correspondence relative to the establishment of British Authority in the Chatham Islands; also correspondence relative to the appointment of Mr. Archibald Shand, as Collector of Customs and Resident Magistrate there.

3. Inter-Provincial Communication :—The Colonial Secretary moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 56.

Question put and passed.

The Colonial Secretary then moved, That Mr. Speaker do leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported that the Committee recommend the following resolution for adoption by the House :—

“That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to continue the existing contract with the owners of the steamer ‘Zingari,’ upon the present terms of that contract, for a period of six months from the 1st of July next; and that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting him to place the requisite sum upon the estimates to carry into effect the foregoing resolution.”

Question put and passed.

4. Policy of the Government :—Mr. Stafford, pursuant to notice, moved, That this House having heard the financial exposition of the Government, declares its want of confidence in the Government.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bell moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 62.

Question put and passed.

Debate on Mr. Stafford’s motion continued.

Question put. House divided

Ayes, 18.
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. East,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Brittin,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Bell (teller).

Noes, 17.
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cuff,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Macandrew (teller).

5. Adjournment :—On motion of Mr. Bell, the House adjourned at two o’clock.

NOTICES