

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 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. Papers :—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers :—
Reports of the distribution of the money grants in aid of education to the various religious denominations in the Northern Division.
Report of the Church of England Board for Native Education in the Northern Division.
3. Resignation of the Government :—Mr. Fox, by leave of the House, stated that in consequence of the vote of the House on Mr. Stafford's motion of yesterday, he and his colleagues in the Government had tendered the resignation of their offices to his Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Stafford also, by leave of the House, stated that his Excellency had requested him to undertake the formation of a new Government, and that at the next meeting of the House he hoped to be able to state that he had succeeded in doing so.
4. Education of the Natives :—Mr. Lee, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting he will furnish this House with copies of all correspondence between Sir George Grey and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the allocation of £7000 set apart on the Civil List for Native purposes.
Question put and passed.
5. Motions withdrawn :—Mr. Stafford and Mr. Elliott withdrew the motions standing in their names respectively, second and fourth on the notice paper of this day.
6. Native Disturbances at New Plymouth :—Mr. Richmond, pursuant to notice, moved, That the order for the report of the Committee appointed to enquire and report on the Native disturbances in Taranaki be discharged.
Question put and passed.
7. Wesleyan Property Sale Bill :—Mr. Travers, pursuant to notice, moved, That Standing Orders Nos. 45 and 115 be suspended, in order that the petition of the Rev. James Watkin and others for a private bill, may be presented to the House.
Question put and passed.
8. Postponements :—
 - (1.) On motion of Mr. Bell, the report of the Finance Committee was postponed until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) On motion of Mr. Sewell, the report of the Committee on Land Scrip was postponed until this day week.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. Bell, the report of the Committee on the New Zealand Company's Debt was postponed until Tuesday next.
9. Resident Magistrates Ordinance :—Mr. Macandrew, Chairman of the Committee on the Resident Magistrates Ordinance brought up the report of the Committee which was read and ordered to be printed.
10. Supreme Court Law Procedure Bill :—On motion of Mr. Richmond, this Bill was read a second time, and the consideration thereof in Committee ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.
11. Law Amendment Bill :—On motion of Mr. Richmond, this Bill was read a second time and the consideration thereof in Committee ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.
12. Bank Charters Bill :—On motion of Mr. Macandrew this Bill was read a second time, and the consideration thereof in Committee ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.
13. Adjournment