

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Petition of Wesleyan Methodists:—Mr. Travers presented a petition from the Rev. James Watkin and others, accompanying a private bill, to enable them to dispose of a certain piece of land, with buildings thereon, in the town of Nelson, used as a chapel and school-house by Wesleyan Methodists, praying that the Bill may be passed.
Petition received.
3. Postponements:—
 - (1.) On Motion of Mr. C. Brown, leave was given to the Committee on Sir George Grey's Land Regulations to postpone their report to this day fortnight.
 - (2.) On motion of Mr. Bell, leave was given to the Finance Committee to postpone their report until to-morrow.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. Sewell, leave was given to the Committee on Old Land Claims to postpone their report until Friday, the 13th inst.
 - (4.) On motion of Mr. Sewell, leave was given to the Committee on Changes in the Constitution, to postpone their report until Friday, the 13th inst.
4. Formation of a Ministry:—Mr. Stafford, in pursuance of the announcement made by him on Thursday last, stated to the House, that he had succeeded in the formation of a Ministry, and that the following gentlemen had accepted office, viz., Mr. Richmond as Colonial Secretary, Mr. Sewell as Colonial Treasurer, the hon. Mr. Whitaker as Attorney-General, and that Mr. Campbell and himself held unofficial seats in the Executive Council.
5. District Provincial Courts:—Mr. Macandrew, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring in a bill to establish District Provincial Courts.
Leave given, and on motion of Mr. Macandrew, the Bill was read a first time, ordered to be printed, and the second reading ordered to stand an order of the day for Friday next.
6. Lazarus Berlowitz, Petition of:—Mr. Fitzherbert, Chairman of the Committee to whom this petition had been referred, brought up the report of the Committee, which was read and ordered to be printed.
7. New Zealand Company's Debt Committee:—Mr. Bell, Chairman of this Committee, brought up their report, which was read and ordered to be printed.
8. Postponement:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the consideration in committee of the Supreme Court Law Procedure was Bill ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.
9. Law Amendment Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported the with amendments, and on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the adoption of the report was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.
10. Bank Charters Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the adoption of the report was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.
11. Adjournment:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the House adjourned at half-past three o'clock until to-morrow at five o'clock.