

SELECT COMMITTEES—continued.

SUBJECT.	MEMBERS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	REMARKS.
13. Native Disturbances, New Plymouth. To examine the petition of certain settlers as to hostilities among the Natives at New Plymouth, with power to call for persons and papers; to report on or before May 15.	Mr. Bell, Mr. Richmond, Mr. East, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Featherston, Mr. Cargill, Mr. Brown.	May 1. On motion of Mr. Brown.	Period for bringing up report enlarged; Committee discharged May 29.
14. Finance. To consider the state and management of the public finances of the Colony; to report on or before May 22.	Mr. Campbell, Mr. Featherston, Mr. Stafford, Mr. C. Brown, Captain Cargill, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Bell, *Mr. Hall, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Brodie.	May 8. On motion of Mr. Bell.	*Mr. Hall, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Brodie, appointed May 13; financial returns for 1853-54-55; referred to it May 22; period for bringing up report enlarged; progress report, with evidence taken, brought up and ordered to be printed June 4 (D.—No. 11.)
15. Thomas McDonnell, R. N.—Petition. To take into consideration his petition, with leave to confer with similar Committee of the Legislative Council, and power to call for persons and papers; to report on or before May 22.	Major Greenwood, Mr. Domett, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Brittin.	May 8. On motion of Mr. Brittin.	Period for bringing up report enlarged; report brought up, read, and referred back for amendment May 23; amended report brought up June 10; ordered to be printed June 24 (D.—No. 15).
16. Constitution Act. To consider and report as to the changes which it may be desirable to make in the Constitution Act, and the best mode of effecting the same, with power to confer with similar Committee of Legislative Council; to report on or before May 23.	Mr. Speaker, *Mr. Richmond, Mr. Domett, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Fox, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Brittin, Mr. Featherston, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Ward, Mr. Travers, Mr. Hall, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Bell.	May 9. On motion of Mr. Sewell.	Period for bringing up report enlarged; *Mr. Stafford discharged June 4; Mr. Richmond, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Featherston, Mr. Sewell, discharged June 6; Mr. Ward appointed same date; Mr. Travers appointed June 11; Bribery and Treating Bills Nos. 1 and 2 referred to it July 12; Mr. Hall, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Bell, appointed July 16; Mr. Merriman reappointed same date; report brought up, read, and ordered to be printed July 29 (D.—No. 28); Purity of Elections Bill initiated July 30,
17. Inter-Provincial Steam Communication. To consider the most efficient mode of maintaining a rapid and frequent communication between all the Provinces of the Colony; to report on or before May 23.	Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Hall, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Brown, Mr. Graham, Mr. Elliott.	May 9. On motion of Mr. Elliott.	Power to call for witnesses and papers granted May 17; period for bringing up report enlarged; report brought up, read, and ordered to be printed, with evidence taken before it, June 6 (D.—No. 14); report adopted June 11.
18. Land Claims. To consider and report as to the nature and extent of outstanding land claims and the best means of finally disposing of the same; to report on or before May 23.	Mr. Taylor, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Daldy, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Domett, Mr. Sewell.	May 9. On motion of Mr. Sewell.	Period for bringing up report enlarged; petition of James Busby, (No. 2) referred to it May 26; petitions of Francis White and Baron de Thierry referred to it June 4; petition of G. O. Ormsby referred to it June 17; report brought up and ordered to be printed July 16 (D.—No. 21); Land Claims Settlement Bill initiated July 24.
19. Supreme Court Procedure. To consider his Excellency's Message No. 12, together with the Judges' reports, and other documents accompanying the same; to report on or before May 23.	Mr. Merriman, Mr. Fox, Mr. Ward, Mr. Brittin, Mr. Domett, Mr. Richmond.	May 9. On motion of Mr. Sewell.	Report brought up, read, and ordered to be printed May 23 (D.—No. 7); Supreme Court Procedure Bill and Law Amendment Bill read a second time May 29.
20. Resident Magistrates' Courts. To consider the expediency of an Act for providing a more effective administration of justice, and the establishment of Provincial Courts of Judicature, with limited powers, both in civil and criminal cases; to report on or before May 15.	Mr. Ward, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Fox, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Macandrew.	May 9. On motion of Mr. Macandrew.	Period for bringing up report enlarged; report brought up, read, and ordered to be printed May 29 (D.—No. 8); District Courts Bill initiated June 3.
21. Bank Charters. To consider the provisions of the "Bank Charters" and "Private Paper Money" Bills, with power to call for persons and papers; to report on or before May 22.	Mr. Richmond, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Fox, Mr. Cargill, Mr. Hall, Mr. Daldy, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Ludlam, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Macandrew.	May 16. On motion of Mr. Macandrew.	Report brought up, read, and ordered to be printed May 22 (D.—No. 5), both Bills lapsed, and the Bank Paper Currency Bill initiated in lieu of them May 27.
22. Alexander Browne—Petition. To take into consideration the petition of Alexander Browne, with power to call for persons and papers; to report on or before June 10.	Mr. Smith, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Elliott, Mr. East, Mr. Lee.	May 22. On motion of Mr. Lee.	Report brought up and read June 10; ordered to be printed June 12 (D.—No. 12); report adopted July 26.
23. Wesleyan Property Sale Bill—Private Bill. To enquire into and report on the preamble of the Bill.	Mr. Fox, Mr. Wells, Mr. Curtis, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Travers.	June 5. On motion of Mr. Travers.	Report brought up June 10; Bill read a second time June 17.
24. Pensioned Officials. To consider the correspondence relative to the Nelson defalcation, also any reports of the select Committee on Lazarus Berlowitz's petition, and Sir George Grey's Regulations, also the petition of James	Mr. Stafford, Mr. Ludlam, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Fox.	June 6. On motion of Mr. Fox.	Committee appointed by ballot; * Motion made, and upon a point of order, by leave withdrawn by Mr. Hall to have his name discharged June 12; period for bringing up report enlarged; correspondence respecting Captain Salmon's land claim referred to it