

No. 9.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

1. Salary of his Excellency the Governor.—Motion made and question proposed, That in the opinion of this Committee the salary of the Governor of New Zealand ought to be £3500 per annum, and that a proportionate increase ought to be made in the Civil List; and that a respectful address be presented to Her Majesty, praying her to allow the necessary provision to be made for effecting such increase. (Mr. Stafford.)

Amendment proposed, That the question be amended by the omission of the numerals "3,500" with a view of inserting "3,000" in lieu thereof. (Mr. Daldy.)

Question put, That the numerals proposed to be omitted, stand part of the question.

Committee divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Stafford,
The Colonial Treasurer,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Smith,
The Colonial Secretary,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Beckham
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Williamson, (teller.)

Noes, 4.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Daldy, (teller)

Whereupon original question put and passed.

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH, 1856.

House in Committee of Supply.

JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT.

1. Motion made and question proposed, That in the opinion of this House, the tenure of office of Judges of the Supreme Court, ought to be assimilated as nearly as may be, to that of Judges in England.

That there ought to be a Chief Justice, and two Puisne Judges of such Court.

That so soon as Judges shall be appointed in accordance with these resolutions, the salary of the Chief Justice ought to be £1,400 per annum, and that of the two Puisne Judges £1000 each per annum. That a proportionate increase ought to be made in the Civil List; but no second Puisne Judge ought to be appointed till this House shall have resolved that the said appointment is necessary.

That the appointment of Judges should be with Her Majesty, but to be exercised on the recommendation of some one of the Judges of the Superior Courts in England, who may be from time to time designated in that behalf by the Colonial Government, on behalf of the Colony.

That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency, praying him to take the necessary steps towards effecting the above object. (The Colonial Treasurer.)

Amendment proposed, That the following words be inserted after the words "in England" in the third line of the resolution and appended to the first paragraph—"That the Judges of the Supreme Court ought not to be removable from their offices, except on an address from the House of Representatives, concurred in by two-thirds of the whole number of its members, and should only be liable to suspension by the Governor on a like address. (Mr. Fox.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.

Committee divided.

Ayes,