

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1856.

1. Present—Thomas Beckham, Esq., Francis Lillon Bell, Esq., Dingley Askham Brittin, Esq., Walter Brodie, Esq., Charles Brown, Esq., John Logan Campbell, Esq., Hugh Carleton, Esq., Charles Clifford, Esq., John Cuff, Esq., William Crush Daldy, Esq., Alfred Domett, Esq., Alfred William East, Esq., Charles Elliott, Esq., Isaac Earl Featherston, Esq., William Fitzherbert, Esq., William Fox, Esq., Robert Graham, Esq., John Hall, Esq., Thomas Henderson, Esq., Walter Lee, Esq., Alfred Ludlam, Esq., Frederick Ward Merriman, Esq., Christopher William Richmond, Esq., Henry Sewell, Esq., John Valentine Smith, Esq., Edward William Stafford, Esq., Charles John Taylor, Esq., Charles Dudley Robert Ward, Esq., William Wells, Esq., John Williamson, Esq.
- Absent—John Cargill, Esq., William Cargill, Esq., James Edward Fitzgerald, Esq., Joseph Greenwood, Esq., James Macandrew, Esq., Charles Parker, Esq., William Thomas Locke Travers, Esq.

2. Swearing of Members:—The House met pursuant to Proclamation by his Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 9th day of February, 1856; His Honour Chief Justice Sidney Stephen, Esq., being in attendance, presented to the Clerk of the House a Commission from his Excellency the Governor, authorising him to administer to the members of the General Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation prescribed by the 46th and 47th clauses of the Constitution Act.
- The Commission having been read by the Clerk, the members present were then duly sworn, and his Honour the Chief Justice withdrew.

3. Election of Speaker:—The Proclamation convening the Assembly having been read by the Clerk, Mr. Campbell moved, That Charles Clifford, Esq., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

The motion having been seconded by Mr. Sewell, and no other member having been proposed as Speaker, Mr. Clifford stood up in his place, and expressed his sense of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House, whereupon his proposer and seconder took him out of his place and conducted him to the Chair, when he again expressed his true sense of the high honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and took his seat as Speaker elect.

Mr. Ludlam moved, That Mr. Speaker elect, with his proposer and seconder, do wait upon his Excellency the Governor, requesting his confirmation of the election of Speaker of this House.

Question put and passed.

4. Adjournment:—Mr. Campbell moved, That the House do adjourn for an hour.
- Question put and passed.

5. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

6. Confirmation of Election of Speaker:—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor received and read:—

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 1.*

The Governor has much pleasure in confirming the choice made by the House of Representatives of Charles Clifford, Esquire, to be the Speaker of the House.

Government House, Auckland,  
15th April, 1856.

7. Opening of the Session:—Mr. Speaker read prayers, after which, accompanied by the members, he proceeded to the Chamber of the Legislative Council to attend the opening of the Session by his Excellency the Governor.

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