

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the Chair.
2. Mr East presented a petition from Richard Kingdon, a doctor of medicine, residing at New Plymouth, praying for indemnification for losses sustained by him in consequence of his having been compelled to attend a session of the Supreme Court in Auckland, as an evidence in a trial for murder.  
Petition received and read.
3. Postponement:—On motion of Mr. Sewell, the motion standing in his name, first on the notice paper of this day, ordered to be postponed until after consideration of the remaining notices of motion.
4. Regulations of Sir George Grey:—Mr. Brown, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into alleged malpractices connected with the administration of Sir George Grey's Land Regulations of the 4th March, 1853, with power to call for persons and papers. The Committee to consist of Major Greenwood, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Featherston, Mr Ludlam, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Cargill, and the mover; and to report to this House this day week.  
Question put and passed.
5. Resolutions adopted by the House on the 17th August, 1854:—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to notice, asked the honourable member for Christchurch (Mr. Sewell) whether any reply has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the resolutions passed by this House on the 17th of August, 1854.  
Question answered in the negative.
6. New Zealand Fencibles:—Mr. Lee, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, praying for a return of the names of those Pensioners who have either paid, or are paying, their passages from England to this Colony, together with the amounts already paid; and whether the sums so paid become funds of the Colonial or Imperial Treasury.  
Question put and negatived.
7. Reply to the address of his Excellency:—Mr. Sewell moved, That the motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the notice paper of this day, be ordered to stand an order of the day for Friday next.  
Question put and passed.
8. Postponement:—On the motion of Mr. Fox, consideration of order of the day No. 1 postponed until after consideration of order No. 2.
9. Pensions Bill:—The second order of the day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the chair and the House, in committee of the whole, resumed consideration of the Pensions Bill.  
On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
10. Standing Orders:—On motion of Mr. Stafford, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole for consideration of the report of the Committee on Standing Orders.  
On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported the Standing Orders with amendments.  
Report adopted by the House, and the Standing Orders, as amended, ordered to be printed.
11. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Bell, the House adjourned at half-past nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at noon.