

"We desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our gratitude for the prompt manner in which you have given effect to the principle of ministerial responsibility in the conduct of the Executive affairs of Government.

"We entertain no doubt that the relations proposed to be established between your Excellency and your responsible advisers will ensure the efficient carrying out of that principle.

"Fully sensible of the duties which devolve upon the General Legislature of the Colony, of maintaining unimpaired the authority and functions which are reserved to the General Government by the Constitution; it will be our earnest endeavour, as one of the branches of that Legislature, to join in exercising those functions in cordial co-operation with the provincial authorities, and with as little interference as possible in all matters within their own municipal sphere.

"Whatever measure may be submitted to us through your Excellency's responsible advisers, shall receive our best consideration; and we pray you to accept this assurance of our desire to co-operate with your Excellency in whatever may promote the welfare of the Colony, and maintain the public credit."

Mr. Campbell moved, That the question be amended by the omission of the following words:

"Fully sensible of the duty which devolves upon the General Legislature of the Colony, of maintaining unimpaired the authority and functions which are reserved to the General Government by the Constitution; it will be our earnest endeavour, as one of the branches of that Legislature, to join in exercising those functions in cordial co-operation with the Provincial authorities, and with as little interference as possible in all matters within their own municipal sphere."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Ludlam moved, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until to-morrow at noon.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Ludlam moved, That the debate on the reply to his Excellency's speech be now adjourned.

8. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Campbell, the House adjourned at six o'clock until to-morrow at noon.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

SATURDAY, 3RD MAY, 1856.

1. MR. STAFFORD to move, That some additional Standing Orders be printed, with those already adopted by the House.
2. MR. LEE to ask the hon. member at the head of the Government, whether any formal complaint has been lodged by Mr. M. Nolan, Commander of the "Prince of Wales," now lying at Kaipara, against the Pilot of that port for dereliction of his public duty; and, if so, whether any step has been or is about to be taken to investigate the charges of gross neglect and injury to the public service by that public officer.

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## ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Adjourned debate on the reply to the speech of his Excellency the Governor on opening the session.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
*Speaker.*