

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.
2. Petition of Alexander Brown:—Mr. Lee presented a petition from Alexander Brown, showing how he had served as a volunteer with H. M. Troops during the conflicts with the natives in the North of New Zealand, that he had been severely wounded, the effects of his wound incapacitating him from gaining a livelihood, and praying the House to take his case into its favourable consideration.
Petition received, read, and ordered to be printed.
3. Messages:—The following Messages from his Excellency the Governor received and read:—

(1.) Botany of New Zealand.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives, copy of a letter dated 23rd August, 1854, from Mr. Wm. Archer, a member of the Legislative Council of Van Diemens Land calling attention to the new Botanical Work "Flora Novæ Zealandiæ" published by Dr. J. D. Hooker, under the sanction of the British Government, and suggesting a contribution from the New Zealand Legislature similar to that given by the Legislative Council of Van Diemen's Land in the case of Dr. Hooker's book on the Botany of that Colony, in order to meet his personal expenditure in the publication of that Work.

Government House,
Auckland, 12th May, 1856.

(2.) Scrip.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

The Governor transmits to the House of Representatives the accompanying copy of a letter from Mr. R. Eager dated 1st April, 1856, on the subject of certain Special Scrip being part of that issued by Governor Sir George Grey in or about September, 1853, of the value of fifty pounds sterling, to each of the fifteen Native Chiefs named in the Schedule annexed to the enclosed copy of a Circular, from the Civil Secretary to Commissioners of Crown Lands dated 12th September, 1853.

Government House,
Auckland, 12th May, 1856.

(3.) Financial.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the 65th clause of the New Zealand Constitution Act, the Governor transmits for the information of the House of Representatives the undermentioned accounts of Disbursements. Sums paid for defraying the expenses of the services mentioned in Schedule to the New Zealand Constitution Act from the period of the last account furnished, to the 31st December, 1855.

Government House,
Auckland, 13th May, 1856.

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