

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1856.

R The House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and thirty members being present; Mr. Speaker read prayers and took the chair.

2. Motions withdrawn:—

(1.) The Colonial Secretary having stated that the Ministry had resigned, Mr. Fox withdrew the motion standing in his name, first on the notice paper of this day.

(2.) The Colonial Treasurer withdrew the motion standing in his name, second on the notice paper of this day.

(3.) The Colonial Secretary withdrew the motion standing in his name, third on the notice paper of this day.

3. Records of Government of New Munster:—Mr. Cargill, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he may be pleased to inform the House whether or not the records of the late Government of New Munster, and the books, papers, correspondence, and other documents connected with the Colonial Secretary's Department of the said Province are in safe keeping, and whether they are in a condition to be referred to.

Question put and passed.

4. Chatham Islands:—Mr. Macandrew, pursuant to notice, moved, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he may be pleased to transmit to this House, copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Collector of Customs at Wellington, relative to the establishment of British authority in the Chatham Islands; also, copies of correspondence between the Government or the Collector of Customs at Wellington and Mr. Archibald Shand, since the official appointment of that gentleman at the Chatham Islands.

Question put and passed.

5. Postponements:—

(1.) Report of the Committee on Land Scrip postponed, on the motion of Mr. Sewell, until this day week.

(2.) Report of the Committee appointed to prepare an address to her Majesty postponed, on motion of Mr. Sewell, until this day week.

(3.) Report of the Committee on the Native Disturbances in New Plymouth, postponed on motion of Mr. Charles Brown, to this day fortnight.

(4.) Report of the Committee on the Resident Magistrates' Ordinance postponed, on motion of Mr. Macandrew, until this day week.

(5.) Report of the Committee on the New Zealand Company's Debt postponed, on motion of Mr. Bell, until this day week.

(6.) Report of the Committee on the petitions of Custom House Officers postponed, on motion of Mr. Fitzherbert, to this day week.

6. Bank Charters Bill:—Mr. Macandrew moved that the Bank Charters Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put. House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Graham,

Noes, 12.

Mr. Wells,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Smith,

Ayes, 17.