

Mr. Fitzherbert moved that the question be amended by the omission of the word "Auckland," with a view to add at the end thereof the words "a more central position."

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question.

House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Macandrew,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Brown,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Merriman (teller).

Noes, 18.

Mr. Ward,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. East (teller).

Mr. Daldy moved the following amendment—

That all the words of the question be omitted, with a view to insert the following, That the Constitution Act imposing upon the Governor the duty of fixing the place of meeting of the General Assembly, this House does not feel called upon to interfere.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted do stand part of the question.

House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Ward,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Cuff,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Fox,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. East (teller).

Noes, 15.

Mr. Cargill,
Mr. Lee,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Macandrew,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Merriman (teller).

Mr. Merriman moved that the question be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the word "Nelson."

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. East,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Travers,
Mr. Curtis,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Merriman (teller).

Noes, 20.

Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Cuff,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Macandrew,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Smith,

Ayes, 12.