

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON EVIDENCE ADDUCED BEFORE THE NATIVE LANDS BILL COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee have the honor to report that they decline to make any recommendation on the Petition of the said James de Hirsch.

3rd September, 1869.

HUGH CARLETON,  
Chairman.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1869.

PRESENT :

Mr. Baigent, Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell,		Mr. Carleton, Mr. Clark.
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Order of reference read.

The Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell moved, That Mr. Carleton do take the Chair.

Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell moved, That the Committee adjourn to the Legislative Council Chamber to confer with the Select Committee of the Legislative Council.

Agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned.

### JOINT COMMITTEE.

PRESENT :

<i>Legislative Council.</i>		<i>House of Representatives.</i>
Hon. Mr. Gray, Hon. Mr. Lee, Hon. Mr. Mantell, Hon. Mr. Seymour. Hon. Colonel Whitmore.		Mr. Baigent, Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell, Mr. Brandon, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Clark, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Richmond.

Orders of reference read.

On the motion of Mr. Carleton, the Hon. Mr. Mantell took the Chair of the Joint Committee.

The Hon. Mr. Lee moved, That the evidence contained in the printed Report of the Native Lands Committee of the House of Representatives be accepted as evidence.

Agreed to.

The following letter from Mr. J. de Hirsch was read :—

SIR,— I have the honor to tender my evidence, and solicit to be examined before the Committee on the Native Lands Bill, in support of the amendment. The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, Chairman of Committee.	Wellington, 1st September, 1869. I have, &c., JAMES DE HIRSCH.
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The Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell moved, That Mr. de Hirsch be heard before the Committee.

Agreed to.

The following letter from Mr. J. Horne was read :—

SIR,— I have the honor, as agent for and representing Mr. Robert Graham, of Auckland, and also on my own behalf, to solicit that Mr. Robert Williams Wynn, of Auckland, Solicitor, may be permitted to appear before the Committee as Counsel for Mr. Graham and myself, to cross-examine Mr. Frederick Alexander Whitaker, a witness to be examined this morning before the Committee in opposition to the amendment of the Bill, and from whose cross-examination material evidence in support of the amendment will be elicited.	Wellington, 1st September, 1869. I have, &c., J. HORNE.
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The Hon. W. B. D. Mantell, Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Creighton moved, That Mr. Wynn be admitted to appear on the part of Messrs. Graham and Horne before the Committee.

Agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Seymour moved, That the parties applying to be examined, and the Counsel, be introduced forthwith.

Agreed to.