

# NEW ZEALAND.

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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.

WEEKLY REPORT OF DIVISIONS  
IN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

(Extracted from the Minutes.)

SESSION 1, OF 1854.

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MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1854.

No. 1.—RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

Resolution proposed by Mr. E. G. Wakefield—"That amongst the objects which this House desires to see accomplished without delay, both as an essential means whereby the General Government may exercise a due control over the Provincial Governments, and as a no less indispensable means of obtaining for the General Government the confidence and attachment of the people, the most important is the establishment of Ministerial Responsibility, in the conduct of Legislative and Executive proceedings by the Governor."

Amendment proposed—"That this House being deeply convinced of the magnitude of the question of Ministerial Responsibility, and of the necessity that every step in connection with it should be taken calmly, deliberately, and only after all the Members shall have had full time for the due consideration of the subject in all its bearings, is of opinion, that its first proceeding should be the appointment of a Select Committee to consider and report upon the expediency of the adoption of the principle referred to in the Government of this Colony, and the time and mode in which—if such adoption should be deemed expedient—it may be brought into operation, so as most effectually to attain the object, and to guard the interests, and promote the welfare of both races, and all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in New Zealand."—(Mr. Forsaith.)