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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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### SESSION II.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1854.

PRESENT :—The Speaker and 25 members.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker read prayers.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr. Mackay gave notice that, on Tuesday next, he would move for leave to bring in a Bill, to reform the present Tariff, on the principle of simplification.

Mr. Fitzgerald gave notice that, on Monday next, he would move for a correct copy of the confidential memorandum, marked No. 7 or A, appended to his Excellency's message No. 25.

Mr. Sewell, by leave of the House, withdrew that part of his motion standing No. 1, on this days Notice Paper, relating to the suspension of Standing Orders; and moved for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the management of certain lands reserved for Public purposes, in the several Provinces of New Zealand.—Leave given.

On the motion of Mr. Sewell the bill was read a first time; and ordered for second reading.

Mr. Sewell moved for leave to bring in a "Bill, for amending an ordinance passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, for regulating the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors."—Leave given.

On the motion of Mr. Sewell, the bill was read a first time, and order for second reading.

Mr. Wortley moved the adoption of the Address to Her Majesty, of which he had given notice yesterday.

Mr. Ludlam seconded the motion.—Address adopted.

Mr. Wortley according to notice moved that, Mr. Speaker be instructed to transmit the Address to her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with copies of all papers and documents, which have been laid before this House, relative to the establishment of Responsible Government.—Agreed to.

Mr. Sewell according to notice moved that, the following gentlemen be appointed a Select Committee, to enquire into the origin, nature, and extent of the just claims, if any, of the New Zealand Company, upon the Colony of New Zealand; viz.: Mr. Hart, Mr. Forsaith, Major Greenwood, Mr. King, Mr. Ludlam, Mr. Macandrew, Dr. Monro, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Picard, and the Mover, with liberty to adopt evidence taken before the Committee appointed during the last Session, and to send for witnesses and papers; the report to be brought up on Wednesday next.

Mr. Kelham, according to notice, moved that the Committee appointed during the last Session, to enquire into the Debenture debt, and Public debt of the Colony, be re-appointed, with the addition of Mr. Brown, and that permission be given that evidence taken before such Committee during last Session may be adopted.—Agreed to.

Report to be brought up on Thursday next.