VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

REPRESENTATIVES. HOUSE OF

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1856.

- 1. House met pursuant to adjournment; Mr. Speaker and twenty-seven members present; Mr. Speaker r ad prayers and took the Chair.
- 2. Adjournment (special) :- Mr. Sewell moved, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Friday next, the 25th instant.

Question put and passed.

3. Land Scrip :- Mr. Sewell pursuant to notice, moved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the nature and amount of Land Scrip issued within the colony, and already satisfied; and of the amount of all such Land Scrip remaining unsatisfied, and of all outstanding and unsatisfied Land Orders. That such Committee do consist of Mr. Ludlam, Mr. Carleton, Mr. Hall Mr. Richmond, Mr. Wells, and the mover. The report to be brought up on the 2nd May, 1856.

Question put and passed.

4. New Zealand Company's Debt :- Mr Bell, pursuant to notice, moved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire and report upon the state of the account between the New Zealand Com-Constitution Act. The Committee to consist of Mr. Fox, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Brown, Mr. Featherston, and the mover. The report to be brought up on the 2nd of May, 1856. pany and the Colony in respect of their charge upon the Land Fund of the Colony under the

Queston put and passed.

- 5. Motion withdrawn :-- Mr. Sewell withdrew the motion standing in his name, third on the notice paper of this day.
- 6. Printing for the House : Mr. Elliott, pursuant to notice, moved, That a Committee be appointed to superintend the printing for the House during the Session. and the preparation of the votes and proceedings of the House, the Committee to consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Fox, Mr. Carleton, and the mover.

Question put and passed.

7. Disputed Election Returns : -- Mr. Fox moved the suspension of Standing Order, No. 29. Question put and passed.

Mr. Fox then moved, That a Select Committee be appointed, to which shall be referred all the petitions against the return of any member of this House, with power to call for witnesses and papers. The Committee to consist of Mr. Brittin, Mr. Cuff, Mr. Fitzherbert, Mr. Hall, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Sewell, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Ward, and the mover. To report on this day fortnight, May the 2nd, 1856.

Question put and passed.

8. Adjournment :---On motion of Mr. Sewell, House adjourned at a quarter past one o'clock, until Friday next, the 25th instant, at noon.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1856.

1. MR. STAFFORD to move, That until the House shall have adopted new Standing Orders, Mr. Speaker shall decide, adopting for his guidance the Rules and Orders of the last House of Representatives.

2. Mr.