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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 27th July, 1847.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and five Members, absent Mr. Bennett.

The Council met pursuant to a adjournment, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Donaldson presented a petition from the Members of the Auckland Total Abstinence Society, in favor of the Bill prohibiting the Sale of Spirits to the Native Race.

The petition was read, received, and ordered to be printed.

To His Excellency George Grey, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and to the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council at present assembled.

The Memorial of the Members of the Auckland Total Abstinence Society.

That your Memorialists have received, with the deepest satisfaction and gratitude, the intelligence, that a Bill is to be brought before your Honorable Council, at its present sitting, to be entitled the "Sale of Spirit Bill," having for its objects, the total prevention of the sale or supply of Spirituous Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of this Country, and a partial prevention of the Sale of Supply to them of Wine or Fermented Liquors.

That your Memorialists so long, since as the month of May, 1844, in a Memorial then presented by them to your Honorable Council, pointed out the painful fact, that the Aboriginal Natives of this Country, were then already acquiring a taste for Intoxicating Liquors; since then, however, your Memorialists have found with grief, that this taste has spread and increased to a lamentable extent, and that it has been much encouraged by some portions of the European population, who have even attained to the length of paying for Native labour, in some cases, in Ardent Spirits—a fact sufficiently conclusive, to all acquainted with the Native character, as to the powerful influence exerted upon them by this depraved trade.

That your Memorialists have heard that certain of the Native population have already been instigated to appeal against the introduction of this Bill, on the ground of its alleged partiality; but your Memorialists feel that no argument can be necessary on this head. Your Honorable Council did not hesitate in passing the "Arms and Ammunition Bill," although the same charge of partiality might readily be brought against it, feeling as you did, that it was essentially necessary, not only for the ultimate good of the Native population, but for the present existence of the European; and not less necessary is the "Sale of Spirit Bill" for both the present and ultimate benefit of both races—the Native & European.

But, your Memorialists beg humbly, but earnestly to urge upon your Honorable Council, the just claims of the large undepraved portion of the Native population, that the benefits intended by this Bill, should not be conferred upon them by halves; they, are as a people averse by nature, instinct, and habit, to the use of any intoxicating liquor, and it is with great difficulty, and at the expense of much disquiet, that they first acquire the power of indulging in them, a power which once acquired, invariably, and at once protects them an insatiable thirst for further indulgence. As a people they are not to be deceived, and your Memorialists are convinced that the great mass of the Native population, would as readily and willingly submit to the restriction on the sale or supply of all fermented liquors, as they would to that of Spirituous Liquors only.

Your Memorialists, in conclusion, would remark, that they have before them a great mass of statistical information, showing the grievous evils inflicted on society, both in a civilised and savage state, by habits of indulgence in Intoxicating Liquors. But they feel that it cannot be necessary to bring it more pro-

minently before your Honorable Council, feeling confident that the same good and benevolent spirit that has brought the "Sale of Spirits Bill" into being, will actuate your Honorable Council in improving and perfecting it, until it shall be an honor to yourselves, and a blessing to our fellow-subjects.

And your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever  
pray, &c., &c.  
(Signed on behalf of the Auckland Total Abstinence Society.)

FLORENCE GARDINER, Chairman.  
Auckland, 26th July, 1847.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the first reading of the "Bill for the Government and Discipline of Native Troops."

Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the first reading of the "Spirits Bill." Bill read a first time.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for the first reading of the "Gunpowder Bill."

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General gave notice that he should move that the bill for the Government and Discipline of Native Troops, be read a second time on Thursday, the 29th instant.

The Attorney General gave notice that he should move that the Spirits Bill, be read a second time on Thursday, the 29th instant.

The Colonial Secretary gave notice that he should move that the Gunpowder Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the 29th instant.

Mr. Donnelly gave notice that he should move that the Slaughter house Bill be read a first time on Thursday, the 29th inst.

The Council adjourned at half-past 2, until 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 29th instant.

#### THURSDAY, 29th JULY.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and five Members, absent, Mr. Domett.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the second reading of the 'Native Force Bill.'

On the title being read—

The Attorney General moved that the Council do go into Committee on the said bill.

On the title being read,—ordered that further consideration thereof be postponed.

Preamble read, amended, and agreed to. On the first clause being read, ordered that clause do stand as amended.

Mr. Brown moved that an additional clause be inserted after the first clause.

On the motion of the Attorney General,—ordered that further consideration of said bill be adjourned until Saturday, the 31st instant.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the second reading of the 'Spirits Bill.'

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, ordered that the bill be considered in Committee, on Saturday, the 31st instant.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for the second reading of the 'Gunpowder Bill.'

Bill read a second time.

On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on said bill.

Title read and agreed to.

On 1st clause being read, it was ordered that further consideration thereof be postponed.

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th clauses, read and agreed to.

On the 6th clause being read, ordered that further consideration thereof, be postponed.

7th and 8th clauses read and agreed to.

On motion of the Colonial Secretary further consideration of the said bill in Committee, was postponed to Saturday, the 31st instant.

The first reading of the 'Slaughter-house Bill' postponed until Saturday, the 31st inst.

His Excellency laid on the table a 'Bill to authorise the establishment of a Colonial Bank of Issue, by the Government of New Zealand, to make and issue a Paper Currency, and to prohibit the making and issuing of paper money by private individuals.'

Ordered that the said bill be printed.

The Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Saturday, the 31st inst.

#### SATURDAY, 31st JULY.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and five members, absent Mr. Domett.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

His Excellency laid on the table a memorial from certain Butchers in Auckland, on the subject of Slaughter House Bill.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee, of the 'Native Force Bill.'

On the motion of Mr. Brown, an additional clause after 1st clause—clause read and agreed to.

On motion of the Attorney General further consideration in Committee, on said bill, postponed until Tuesday, 3rd August.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day that Council do go into committee on the 'Spirits Bill.'

Bill considered, amended, and further consideration thereof postponed, until Tuesday, 3rd August.

His Excellency laid on the table the following reports, viz:—

1st Report on the progress of the line of road from Wellington to the Wairarapa district, by Mr. Fitzgerald, surveyor, dated Wellington, 1st July, 1847.

2nd Report from Capt. Russell, 56th regt., Superintendent of Military Roads, dated Wellington, 24th June, 1847, on the progress

of the line of road from Wellington through the Porirua district. (Vide *Government Gazette*, No. 17.)

Ordered to be printed.

Estimate of the expenses attending the above works, accompanied the reports.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the 'Gunpowder Bill.'

Bill considered, amended, and further postponed until Tuesday, 3rd August.

Mr. Donnelly moved the order of the day for the first reading of the 'Slaughter House Bill.'

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Donnelly gave notice that he should move the second reading of the bill on Tuesday, 3rd August.

His Excellency gave notice that he should move on the second reading of the said bill, an amendment in the 6th clause.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he should move the first reading of the 'Savings' Bank Bill' on Tuesday, 3rd August.

The Attorney General gave notice that he should move the third reading of the 'Native Force Bill' on Tuesday, 3rd August.

The Colonial Secretary gave notice that he should move the third reading of the 'Gunpowder' Bill, on Tuesday, 3rd August.

Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Tuesday, 3rd August.

#### TUESDAY, 3rd AUGUST.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and ~~four Members, absent Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Domett.~~

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee, of the 'Spirits Bill.'

Bill committed, and ordered to be reprinted with the amendments.

The Attorney General moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee, of the 'Native Force Bill.'

Report brought up and adopted, and bill ordered to be read a third time on Thursday, the 5th instant.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee, of the 'Gunpowder Bill.'

Report brought up and adopted, and bill ordered to be read a third time on Thursday, the 5th instant.

The second reading of the 'Slaughter house Bill' postponed.

Mr. Brown moved the order of the day for the first reading of the 'Savings' Bank Bill.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he should

move the second reading of said bill, on Thursday, the 5th instant.

Council adjourned at half past 2 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 5th instant.

#### THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and four Members, absent Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Domett.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

His Excellency stated to the Council, that Mr. Donnelly had tendered his resignation as a Member of that body, and that the same had been accepted, and that in consequence thereof, His Excellency would move that the orders of the day be postponed, until Saturday, the 7th instant,

Agreed to,—and

The Council adjourned until 2 o'clock on Saturday, the 7th instant.

#### SATURDAY, 7th AUGUST.

Present—His Excellency the Governor, and four Members, absent Mr. Domett.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

On the motion of the Attorney General, orders of the day postponed until Tuesday, the 10th instant,

The Lieutenant Governor laid on the table extract from despatch No. 41, of 10th Feb., 1847, from the Secretary of State on the subject of Land Claims, which had arisen under Governor FitzRoy's Ten Shillings an acre, and Penny an acre Proclamations.

Also a report drawn up by the Attorney General, on the course to be pursued under the terms of the said despatch.

Ordered that despatch and report be read and published in the *Government Gazette* for general information. (Vide *Gazette*, No. 17.)

His Excellency read a minute to the Council on the before mentioned subject, and laid on the table a list of claims to land which had already been investigated by the Commissioner, and for which Crown Grants were in course of preparation.

Ordered that the said Minute and list of Claims be published in the *Government Gazette*. (Vide *Gazette*, No. 17.)

Council adjourned at 3 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Tuesday the 10th instant,

GODFREY J. THOMAS,

Clerk of Council.

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