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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, August 10th, 1847.

Present—His Excellency the Governor and five Members. Mr. Merriman took the seat vacant by the resignation of Mr. Donnelly. Absent—Mr. Domett.

Council met pursuant to adjournment; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr. Brown—bill committed, and further consideration thereof postponed until Thursday, the 12th instant.

On the motion of the Attorney-General,—Council in Committee for the further consideration of the 'Spirits' Bill.'

Bill considered and amended, and further postponed until Thursday next, when the Attorney-General would move the third reading of the said bill.

The Colonial Secretary gave notice that he should move the second reading of the 'Slaughter-house Bill,' on Thursday next.

The Lieut.-Governor laid on the table the draft of a bill, entitled "An Ordinance for regulating Marriages in New Zealand."

Ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned at 4 o'clock until 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 12th instant.

Thursday, August 12th.

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

Council met pursuant to adjournment; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Brown moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the 'Savings' Bank Bill.'

Bill considered and amended, and committee adjourned until Saturday, the 14th inst.

On the motion of the Attorney-General—Council in committee on the 'Spirits' Bill.'

Report brought up and adopted, and the Attorney-General moved the order of the day for the third reading of the said bill.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

Bill read a second time.

The petition from certain Butchers in Auckland on the subject of the said bill was read.

The Colonial Secretary gave notice that he should move on Saturday next, that the Council do go into committee on the 'Slaughter-house Bill.'

The Colonial Treasurer gave notice that he should move the first reading of the 'Paper Currency Bill,' on Saturday next.

Council adjourned at half-past 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Saturday, the 14th instant.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14th.

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

Council met pursuant to adjournment; minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Brown moved the order of the day for further consideration in committee of the 'Savings' Bank Bill.

Bill considered and further amended, and committee adjourned until Tuesday, the 17th instant.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the order of the day, for the first reading of the 'Paper Currency Bill.'

Bill read a first time.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day, that the Council do go into committee on the 'Slaughter-house Bill.'

Bill committed and then adjourned until Tuesday next.

The Colonial Treasurer gave notice that he should move the 2nd reading of the 'Paper Currency Bill,' on Tuesday next.

Mr. Merriman gave notice that he should move a series of amendments to the 'Slaughter house Bill,' when next considered in committee.

Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17.

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

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

Mr. Merriman presented a petition from certain inhabitants and merchants in Auckland praying, that the 'Paper Currency Bill,' might not be allowed to pass the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the order of the day for the second reading of the 'Paper Currency Bill.'

Mr. Brown moved as an amendment that the Bill be read this day six months: after discussion, the Council divided.

Ayes	Noes
Mr. Brown	Lieut. Governor
Mr. Merriman	Colonial Secretary
	Attorney General
	Colonial Treasurer

Carried against the amendment.

Bill read a second time, and on the motion of the Colonial Treasurer, Bill committed, and consideration thereof adjourned until Thursday next.

Mr. Brown moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the 'Savings' Bank Bill.'

Bill considered and further postponed until Thursday next.

Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for further consideration in committee of the 'Slaughter house Bill.'

Bill committed and further consideration thereof postponed until Thursday next.

The Attorney General gave notice that he should move the first reading of the 'Impounding Bill' on Thursday, the 19th inst.

Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Thursday the 19th inst.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th.

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

Council met pursuant to adjournment; minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the Paper Currency Bill.

Bill considered and amended, and committee adjourned until Saturday, 21st inst.

Mr. Brown moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the Savings' Bank Bill.

Report brought up and adopted, and bill ordered to be read a third time on Saturday next.

The orders of the day for the consideration in committee of the Slaughter house Bill, and for the first reading of the Impounding Bill, were ordered to stand over until Saturday next.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock, until Saturday, 21st inst.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st.

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

Council met pursuant to adjournment; and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the Paper Currency Bill.

Bill considered and amended, and the committee adjourned until Tuesday, the 24th inst.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

The orders of the day for the consideration in Committee of the 'Slaughter-house Bill,' and for the first reading of the 'Impounding Bill,' were further postponed until Tuesday, the 24th inst.

The Lieut. Governor laid on the table the draft of a bill, entitled 'An Ordinance for Registering Births, Deaths, and Marriages, in the colony of New Zealand.'

The Council adjourned at 4 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24th.

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

Council met pursuant to adjournment; and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

His Excellency laid on the table a despatch from the Secretary of State, dated

Downing street, 1st March, 1847,—having reference to the proposed employment of convicts under certain restrictions.

Despatch read and ordered to be printed.

MILITARY, No. 12.

Downing Street,
1st March, 1847.

SIR:—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 101, of the 6th October last, in which with reference to a suggestion which has been submitted to you by the Commanding Royal Engineer in New Zealand, that convict mechanics should be sent to that colony with the view of being employed on Military Works and Buildings, you take occasion to recommend that a company of Sappers and Miners should be detached from this country for the performance of that service.

I am aware of the inconvenience which must be felt from the want of Mechanics, and in fact arrangements had been made previously to the receipt of your communication on the subject, which will in some measure supply that deficiency; care having been taken that in selecting the Military Pensioners who are enrolled for service in New Zealand, a selection should be made of about 50 men who have worked as carpenters, sawyers, bricklayers, masons, blacksmiths, painters, glaziers, and miners; and I have instructed the Master-General of the Ordnance to send out a Serjeant and 12 Sappers and Miners, who from their superior qualifications will be able to superintend the labors of the persons in question.

The employment of convicts in New Zealand, under the effect of a general measure of Transportation, would be entirely out of the question; but it may be deserving of consideration whether a limited number of men of that class, whose good conduct under confinement may render them fit objects of the Royal clemency, might not be sent to New Zealand with conditional pardons, in which, in addition to the ordinary conditions of such instruments, there should be one introduced requiring the persons to whom they should be assigned, to work for the Government for a period of two years.

I have to add, that I do not contemplate the maintenance of any considerable force of Regular Troops in New Zealand, for more than a very short time, as when emigration from this country shall be resumed, as I trust it soon will be, the increase of the European population will enable you to organize a Militia, sufficient for all purposes of defence. I have, therefore, to instruct you to abstain from incurring any expense in the erection of permanent Barracks which can possibly be avoided.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) GREY.

Governor Grey,
&c., &c., &c.

His Excellency also laid on the table two despatches from the Officer commanding the troops at Wanganui, dated respectively the 20th and 23rd July last, detailing the particulars of an engagement which took place between H. M.'s forces and the rebel natives at the above settlement, on the 19th ultimo.

Despatches read and ordered to be printed.

Camp, Wanganui,
July 20th, 1847.

SIR,—I have the honour to report to your Excellency, the proceedings of the force under my command, in action with the enemy, yesterday afternoon, extending from our position to St. John's Wood.

I acquainted your Excellency, in letters, dated 5th, 10th, and 17th inst., despatched by the *Race-horse*, of the daring manner in which the enemy penetrated into our own earthen outworks, on more than one occasion; I therefore decided on at once checking this custom, should an opportunity offer.

"Yesterday, about 12 o'clock, they approached, evidently with an intention to draw the troops out of the stockade, and two, more daring than the rest, in hopes to cut off a settler and some cattle, were pursued by two parties of the 58th under Lieutenant Pedder, and 65th, under Ensign Thelwall, and joined by a further reinforcement of the 58th Regt., under Ensign Middleton, the whole under my orders; these two men narrowly escaped capture, and fled by the ravine and intrenchments, towards Mr. Harrison's, at the back of St. John's Wood, where a body of the rebels lay concealed.

This brought on an action with the enemy, and sending back for reinforcements, I indulged a hope that they might be induced to fight on our own ground, in front of, and towards our position: After four hours fighting, the enemy declined advancing beyond the cover of their own breastworks, on the face of the hill, which your Excellency will remember, at St. John's Wood, and which have been multiplied and extended; a gallant charge was here made with the bayonet, 15 yards distant, and the enemy broke and fled, on hearing the cheer by detachments of the 58th and 65th Regiments, under the command of Captain Wolf, of the latter corps; Lieutenant Balneavis commanded that of the 58th Regiment, Lieutenants Page, 58th Regiment, and Barnard, of the 65th Regiment, though previously wounded in the head, and Ensigns Middleton, 58th, and Thelwall, 65th Regiment, were present in this charge, made at the distance of 15 yards; the latter officer narrowly escaped being tomahawked by one of the enemy, who was shot by a soldier of the 58th Regiment; some of the enemy were here bayonetted.

We had 400 men engaged, the enemy about the same number, but owing to the difficult, broken, and swampy nature of the ground which extends from the right of our position to St. John's Wood; I was of necessity obliged to place junior officers in command of detachments in extension, under the general superintendence of the seniors, and thus protecting our flanks.

Captain Henderson, Royal Artillery, with the assistance of Lieutenant, the Honourable W. Yelverton pushed forward a brass 3-pounder, and and a 4 2-5th inch field howitzer, to cannonade the enemy's position, and I cannot help drawing attention to the devoted gallantry of this small body, who from the nature of their service were exposed to the most galling fire, by which they had one man mortally, and another severely wounded. In the meantime, I had detached Lieutenant Hay, 58th Regiment, in command of a party of the 58th and 65th Regiments, the latter commanded by Lieutenant M'Coy, and some of the armed police, to endeavour to outflank the enemy by the left, by which means the enemy's fire was partially diverted from our advanced body; and they were obliged to detach a body against this party, who had pushed across a swamp of some extent, above their knees in water. Lieutenant Hay was now supported by Captain Hardy, 58th Regiment, who, as next in command, I had left in charge of the post, with discretionary powers. Captain O'Connell, 65th Regiment, a Peninsular Officer, though in

the sick report, from a severe sprain of the ancle, then volunteered to take command of the stockade, having Lieutenant Trafford, 65th Regiment, to assist him; the party under Lieutenant Hay, joined Captain Hardy without loss, and took up a commanding position, under cover, and prevented the enemy from shewing themselves on our left flank.

At the commencement, unseen by the enemy, I had thrown Lieutenant Pedder, with 20 men, into a breastwork, on the right, and below the upper stockade, and Lieutenant Holmes, R. N., of H. M. S. "Calliope," had, with the same alacrity which he has so often evinced, detached some men to assist in dragging the guns, and with the remainder, and Mr. Carnegie, Midshipman, of H. M. S. "Calliope," he manned his gun-boat, and pushed others forward to the first creek, 150 yards from the lower stockade, and opened a fire of musketry, and from the 12 pound carronade, which checked a party, who, under Mamako, were advancing by the bank of the river, this completed the chain of posts that protected our right flank, and they suffered no loss.

The fighting continued with the main body, and I determined, if possible, to draw the enemy down, and with this view, took up a new position with the guns; the enemy, with great intrepidity came down to within 15 yards of the advance, when the charge alluded to, took place; at this time our principal loss occurred, one man of the 58th Regiment (Weller), and another of the 65th Regiment (Spratt), were shot dead in the high fern, the body of the former was not recovered. The artillery here suffered the loss of the services of two of their men, one mortally, (Connolly), and the other slightly wounded, and other gallant men were here wounded of the 58th and 65th Regiments. With this advance, Lieutenant Servantes, 6th foot, interpreter to the forces, was present with our 3 Ngatitoa allies, one of whom was wounded in the leg while gallantly fighting.

The enemy now seemed disinclined to advance beyond the point where they were charged, the fire in their front was heavy from the artillery and musketry, and also on their right, from the musketry of Captain Hardy's party, and as evening was coming on, I returned to camp.

Though I have to deplore the loss of 3 gallant soldiers, and the temporary deprivation of the services of 8 others, the enemy have suffered more severely; we know of 3 killed, and 10 wounded by their own admission, the former are Te Kapua, Paora te Hotite, and Te Tere Tere, the two first chiefs; amongst the wounded, are Jaime, the native teacher, who pursued Mr. Macgregor on the 1st of July, down from Shakespeare's Cliff, Wiremu Wanganui, Wiremu te Waruite, and a Ngatimaniapoto, who was wounded in front of Lieutenant Holmes's, and Lieutenant Pedder's parties. I have no doubt that their loss far exceeds that of our present information, which is limited to accidental knowledge, but more than three were killed in the charge alone, shot or bayonetted—the natives having an anxiety to conceal their loss; their women were heard last night lamenting their loss at Mr. Harrison's; Paora te Hotite was bayoneted by a soldier of the 58th Regiment, named Lowry, who carried off his musket. The body of private Weller, of the 58th Regiment, was found and carried away by the enemy, who read prayers over and buried him at Aramoho, without degrading mutilation.

The Police under Mr. Chetham Strode, were with the advance, vying with H. M. Troops.

I cannot conclude this despatch, without the expression of admiration of the gallantry of the officers and men engaged; the daring of the enemy in advancing to within 15 yards of the troops, bears me out in this, and I must beg in addition to the enumeration of the services already detailed, to bring to your Excellency's notice, the conduct of my Acting Brigade Major Mercer, Ensign, 58th Regiment, and of Lieutenant Collinson, Royal Engineers, for the services they rendered me under fire, in conveying orders. The duties of the latter officer, since the formation of this post, have been most arduous, in which he has had the valuable assistance of Lieutenant Balneavis, 58th Regiment, from the commencement, and from these two officers, great benefit has been obtained to many branches of the service. both in fortifying this position (one of great difficulty), and in every part of the Engineers department.

To Captain Henderson, commanding the Royal Artillery, and my second in command in the advance, yesterday, I beg to offer my thanks for his assistance and advice—to Captain Hardy, commanding detachment 58th Regiment, I am equally indebted, as my second in command of the force, also to Captain Wolf, commanding 65th detachment, in the absence of Captain O'Connell (who prevented by an accident from partaking in active operations, took command of the posts, and rendered the best assistance) to Lieutenant Holmes, R. N., of H. M. S. "Calliope," alluded to more than once, by Captain Laye, I am under obligation for his unceasing exertions. I can only refer to my preceding details, and your Excellency's knowledge of the ground, as to the support I received from both Officers and Men of Her Majesty's service, and the Armed Police under Deputy Inspector Strode, opposed to the enemy, unmasked as skirmishers. Lieut. Barnard 65th regt., though wounded in the head, the ball having remained in his cap, continued with the advance.

To Staff Surgeon Courtenay, and Assistant Surgeon Philson, 58th regt., both of whom were present in the field, I have to express my thanks for their assiduity and attention to the wounded.

Respecting our native allies of the Ngatitoa tribe, though but 3 in number under Lieut. Servantes, one of whom was wounded, I would call your Excellency's attention to their gallant conduct; nor can I omit to bring to your notice the devotion to our cause shewn by the Putiki natives who proved their attachment to the British Government on this occasion.

List of Killed and Wounded in action on the 19th July, 1847.

KILLED.

Private William Weller, No. 5 Company, 58th Regt.
" Joseph Spratt, Grenadiers 65th do

WOUNDED.

Lieut. Barnard, Grenadiers, 65th regt., slightly in the head.
Gunner William Connolly, R. A., since dead.
" Matthew Broadhurst, do slightly
Sergeant William Gibson, 58th regt., do
Corporal Francis Reilley do do
Private Henry Storey do do severely if not dangerously, wound of shoulder joint.
Private William Dunn, 58th regt., severely, injury of the fore arm.
Private Martin Rogers, 58th regt., slightly.
Sergeant Thomas Kells, 65th regt., do
Corporal William Allsop do severely, wound of the thigh.
Private James Fegan do slightly
Herekiwa Ruawiwi, a Ngatitoa ally, slightly.

RECAPITULATION.

One Officer wounded, 2 men killed, and 11 wounded, one (Royal Artillery) mortally, since dead.

Many settlers were out, and in the front amongst whom was Mr. McGregor wounded on the 1st July. I beg to express my thanks to Messrs. Deighton, Interpreter to the force stationed at Wanganui, and Duncan attached as Interpreter to myself.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. A. McCleverty,
Lieut.-Colonel commanding Troops,
New Zealand.

His Excellency Governor Grey.

EXTRACT FROM BRIGADE ORDERS.

Camp, Wanganui, July 20, 1847.

No. 1.

The Lieutenant Colonel Commanding in New Zealand, has to congratulate the force under his command at Wanganui, on the devotion and intrepidity shewn by the troops engaged yesterday with a daring enemy. To the Officers and Men of the Royal Artillery, 58th and 65th detachments, H. M. S. *Calliope*, the Armed Police, and our Native Allies, his thanks are justly due, but he may be permitted to instance more particularly that of the Royal Artillery, their exposure to the heavy fire without shelter owing to the nature of their service during 4 hours fighting, occasioned a disproportionate loss above that of the other corps.

He has to regret the loss of two gallant soldiers of the 58th and 65th regiments, but the body of Private Weller, was buried by the enemy without mutilation at Aramoho. Private Joseph Spratt, 65th, will be buried to-morrow in Wanganui Church.

The service of those who have been wounded he trusts will again be restored to the ranks of their corps. Gunner William Connolly who has been dangerously wounded, the officer commanding sincerely sympathises with, and trusts that his recovery though prolonged may be looked forward to.

The enemy acknowledge to a loss of 3 killed and 10 wounded, of the former two are chiefs, but it is confidently expected that they are anxious to conceal their loss.

Killed and Wounded in action with the enemy at St. John's Wood.

KILLED.

Private William Weller, No. 5 Company, 58th Regiment.
Private Joseph Spratt, Grenadiers, 65th ditto

WOUNDED.

Lieut. Barnard, Grenadiers, 65th regt., slightly in the head.
Gunner William Connolly, R. A., very dangerously.
" Matthew Broadhurst, do slightly.
Sergeant William Gibson, 58th regt., do
Corporal Francis Rielly, do do
Private Henry Storey, do do severely if not dangerously.
Private William Dunn, do severely.
" Martin Rogers, do slightly.
Sergeant Thomas Kells, 65th regt., do
Corporal William Allsop, do severely.
Private James Fegan, do slightly.
Herekiwa Ruawiwi, a Ngatitoa ally, do

By order, (signed) F. R. C. Master,
Acting Brigade Major.

W. A. McCleverty.
Lieut.-Colonel commanding Troops,
New Zealand.

The killed and wounded above enumerated are only those of the Ngatiruaka tribe (Pukihika) communicated to their relatives of Putiki; of the wounded Jimi (Himi), Wiremu Wanganui, and another Ko Hika-anu, are not expected to live. Nothing is known of the loss of the other tribes headed by Mamuko, Te Hapua, Te Kepe, Te Pehi, Ngapara and others, and it is generally said their loss has been heavy. The Ngatimaniapoto refused to advance against us again, and the Ngatiruaka wished to return to their homes.

W. A. McCleverty,
Lieutenant-Colonel.

Camp, Wanganui, July 23rd, 1847.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you in continuation of my letter of the 20th, that last evening I received intelligence that an attack by night was premeditated by the enemy on different parts of the town, as a finale previous to the Taua breaking up; their arrangement was, Mamuko to attack the lower stockade, the Ngatiruaka the upper, and the Ngatimaniapoto that in course of erection on the Middle Hill; every preparation was made to repel this.

At 9 o'clock this morning the enemy were seen in numbers proceeding to St. John's Wood, and the earthen entrenchments on the hill, which they occupied on the 19th and through which we passed on the reconnoisance of the 1st inst. On the crest of the range they planted a red ensign; their numbers were at least 600 men having apparently collected nearly all their force.

I occupied the middle hill with the greater part of the detachment of the 65th Regt. under Captain Wolf, and a 6 pound Field Piece under Lieut. the Hon. W. C. Yelverton, a detachment of the 58th Regt. under Lieut. Balneavis, with a 3 pound gun were in the breast work in advance of the upper Stockade, in which latter, (both under Captain Henderson, R. A.) was a 12 pound Gun, and a strong reserve under Captain Hardy ready to move out; a flanking party under Ensign Middleton, 58th regt., occupied the edge of the swamp, and kept up the communication with the seamen under Lieut. Holmes, and the 58th detachment under Lieut. Hay at the lower stockade, thus securing our position, and rendering a forward movement easy at any moment.

A few of the enemy shewed themselves on the low hills between our stockade and St. John's Wood where they were in force, and the guns opened a fire; the enemy retired and seemed determined not to risk an attack; contrary to my expectation they are well supplied with ammunition.

The chief of Putiki wished to hold a conversation with the enemy which they invited, and I granted permission. Mr. Duncan, my Interpreter, also, at their request, went forward; they stated that they would not attack, fearful of our artillery, (from this and other causes I infer that they suffered from the guns on the 19th.) and as we would not attack their intrenchments they would retire from them.

The Pukihika natives intend to retire to-morrow, if not the whole of the Taua, if so, the war is ended for this winter, though I shall not relax in vigilance, having no reliance on expressions founded on fears.

Mamuko again was not present in the front, but his brother Te Oro stated his determination to Mr. Duncan not to have peace, a proposition which was not made to him, as I consider it far from a desideratum, nor do I believe it to be your Excellency's wish.

On the present presumed cessation of hostilities I beg to make the following remarks. It will be found difficult again to collect so large a war party, more particularly as the result has been on every occasion against them. As the summer advances, they will desire to lay in their stock of fish for the next season and other supplies, and I would strongly recommend that no canoes should on any account be permitted to pass below Shakspeare's Cliff. In the present state of Wanganui, the enforcement of the above by a strong military post, will be a serious deprivation to the enemy, who generally stated their determination to renew hostilities in the summer. I would recommend a continuance of Martial Law in this District, and shall put up a notice during your Excellency's absence and subject to your approval renewing it till further orders, as some of the enemy will continue to prowl in the neighbourhood.

I beg in conclusion to bring to your Excellency's notice the professional assistance and kind attention

voluntarily rendered by Dr. Wilson, Half Pay, Royal Navy, and Dr. Rees, both residents of this place. The medical officers of the Force and myself have to express our thankful acknowledgements to them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. A. McCleverty,
Lieut.-Colonel commanding Troops,
New Zealand.

His Excellency Governor Grey.

25th.—The small marauding parties of the enemy have ceased since the 19th, and a serious quarrel took place amongst them on the evening of the 23rd. Another of the enemy is dead, Ko Hika-ara.

W. A. McCleverty.
Lieutenant-Colonel.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of the 'Paper Currency Bill.'

Bill further amended, and committee adjourned until Thursday next.

The Colonial Secretary moved the order of the day for the consideration in committee of the 'Slaughter house Bill.'

Bill considered and amended, and ordered to be printed, with the several new clauses proposed by Mr. Merriman.

Committee adjourned until Thursday next.

The first reading of the 'Impounding Bill' further postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he should at a subsequent meeting of the Council, move for a Return shewing the amount of Fines received on conviction of offenders, by information of constables, and to what purposes they were appropriated.

Council adjourned at 5 o'clock, until 2 o'clock on Thursday, 26th inst.

Godfrey J. Thomas,

Clerk of Council.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, August 26, 1847.

THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to direct the publication of the following STATEMENT, for general information.

By His Excellency's command,
ANDREW SINCLAIR,
Colonial Secretary.

RETURN OF VESSELS, THE PROPERTY OF NATIVES BELONGING TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COLONY, AS FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED.

No.	Name of the Vessel.	Description of Vessel.	Tonnage.	Name of Owner.	Name of Tribe.	Belonging to.
1	Edward Fielder	cutter	17	Hauraki & others	Ngatiwhatua	Auckland
2	Elizabeth	schooner	20	Hemara	do	do
3	Glengarry	cutter	16	Hanauru	Ngatipaoa	Waiheke
4	Random	schooner	15	Waiparu	Ngatitematera	Thames
5	Black Joke	cutter	16	Paora	do	Coromandel Harbour
6	Caroline	"	12	do	do	do
7	Terepuru	"	13	do	do	do
8	British Queen	schooner	20	Tohi	Ngatiwakane	Maketu, Bay of Plenty
9	Flying Fish	cutter	12	Tangaroa	do	do do
10	Robin Hood	"	12½	Te Mutu & others	Ngaiterangi	Tauranga, Bay of Plenty
11	Tepana	schooner	14	Tepana	Wakatohea	Ohiwa, Bay of Plenty
12	George & Katherine	"	17	Rangimatanuku	do	Opotiki, Bay of Plenty
13	Linnet	"	14		do	do do
14	Wakatani	"	12	Apanui	Ngatiawa	Wakatani, Bay of Plenty
15	Providence	"	15	Huna	Wakatohea	do do
16	William and Charles	"	10	Huna and others	Ngatiawa	do do
17	Maria	"	11		do	do do
18	Cora	"	12		do	do do
19	Moonraker	cutter	11	Kikokoe	Waikato(Ngatimaniapoto)	Kawhia, West Coast
20		"	12	Ngatai	Ngatipaoa	Waiheke, Frith of the Thames
21	Waddy	schooner	11		Wakatohea	Wakatani, Bay of Plenty
22	Matilda	"	12	Rangitokino	do	Opotiki, Bay of Plenty (leaky)
23	Charlotte	"	12	Tongapahore		Bay of Plenty
24	Emma	"	11	Tara	Ngatipaoa	Barrier Island
25	Providence	cutter	14		Wakatohea	Opotiki, Bay of Plenty
26	Elizabeth	"	12	Pomare	Ngapuhi	Bay of Islands
27	Government Pinnace	"	10	do	do	do
28	Maria	schooner	19	Nopera	Te Raraua	Wangaroa
29	Catherine	"	20	Nathaniel	Te Whananapanui	Kaha, Bay of Plenty
30	Diana	"	14	Kiwi and Tame	Ngatiporou	Warekaiika, Bay of Plenty
31	Nora Creina	"	10	Matiu Tohi	Ngatimaru	Thames
32				Ruinga	Ngatipaoa	Waiheke, Frith of the Thames
33	Ocean Queen	"	12	Hou	Ngatimaru	Thames
34	Thomas Nixey	cutter	25	Tatua and others		Kaha, Bay of Plenty (being paid for)
35	Tatu	schooner	12	WiremuTamihana	Patukirikiri	Wangorahi
36	Te Kerekokoru	cutter	9	Hou	Ngatimaru	Thames
37	Wakatakataka	schooner	10	Manuwhiri	Te Tawera	Waikawau
38	Harriet	"	14	Taratawa	Ngatiwai	Wangoruru
39	Fly	"	12	Joseph Brown	Ngatimaru	Thames, Manaia
40	Wakapokai	"	13	Taipari	Ngatiwhanaunga	Kauranga
41	Maunguroa	"	10	Te Waha	Ngatimaru	Thames
42	Sarah	cutter	13	Rangipai	Ngatiawa	Matata, Bay of Plenty
43	Nimrod	schooner	20		Wakatohea	Opotiki, Bay of Plenty
44	Anna Maria	"	16		Rongowhakata	Turanga, Poverty Bay
45		"		Rangitokino	Ngatiawa	Matata

Five schooners are building at Wakatani; One cutter at Witianga.

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