

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Friday, the 1st day of September, 1876.

1. Mr. MACANDREW to move, as an amendment to the Question, That the Speaker leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Supply, as follows :—

Whereas "The Abolition of Provinces Act, 1875," is repugnant to the wishes and detrimental to the interests of the people in the Province of Otago: And whereas it would be highly subversive of the first principles of good government to deprive any section of Her Majesty's subjects, against their will and without their consent, of those political institutions which were conferred upon them by the Imperial Parliament, and under which they have grown up and prospered :

It is therefore Resolved, That a respectful Address be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, to the effect that he may be pleased, at the earliest possible date, to dissolve the Provincial Legislature of Otago, and to cause a fresh election of Superintendent and Provincial Council, so as to afford the people in the said province an opportunity of considering and determining as to the form of local self-government most suitable for their requirements; and that, pending the will of the people being ascertained as aforesaid, His Excellency may be pleased to take the necessary steps, so as that the provisions of the said Abolition Act shall be held in abeyance as respects the Province of Otago.

Resolved further, That in the meantime, and pending the decision of the newly-elected Provincial Legislature, the affairs of the said province shall continue to be administered in terms of the New Zealand Constitution Act.