

to present this petition to the House of Lords and that Mr. Simon be requested to present it to the House of Commons.

Mr. Simon M.P. who was present addressed the colonists and assured them that he ~~would be~~ was much gratified in being selected for the duty which he w^d. undertake & forward to the best of his ability.

Mr. Britton moved and Mr. Fitzgerald seconded the following resolutions concerning the constitution of the Council.

1. That the Council do consist of 12 members and that any vacancy arising in their number before the sailing of the first body of Colonists shall be filled up by a vote of the Council.
2. That the Council shall elect one of its members Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in all questions before the Council.
3. That the Council shall select two Honorary Secretaries, either from their own body, or from the ^{general} ~~present~~ members of the Society.
4. That the purchasers of land after the ~~1st~~ 1st of July and ^{before} the 29th of August 1850, shall have the power, if they so think fit, to elect on or after the latter day a number of members to be added to the Council, which shall bear the same proportion to the numbers of the present Council, which the number of land purchasers in the second series shall bear to that of those in the first. But that the fifth Resolution passed on the 27th of June may be acted upon by the 12 members of the present Council."

The Chairman then requested the intending Colonists to communicate as soon as possible their intention,