

Mr. Sewell then took occasion to observe that though out of order, he wished to make a remark upon the resolution which had been agreed to at the commencement of the proceedings relative to the minute defining the relations between the Assocn. and the colonists. He fully concurred in the object of that motion, but seeing some of the members of the Assocn. present, it occurred to him that it was a good opportunity to satisfy himself and the colonists once for all upon a point referred to in that minute. He alluded to the appropriation of the funds:- the appropriation of the religious and educational portion of that fund was a most important and delicate duty, and with reference to this the minute suggests the rule, that in the administration of this fund the Association will be governed by the views of the colonists, and as a medium of communication they point to the "governing body of the colony", as the organ. He (Mr. Sewell) wished to know the exact meaning of this arrangement. If it is intended thereby that the funds should be under the control of the municipal body of the colony for the time being - whatever that might be, he (Mr. Sewell) would say that he for one would not be willing to entrust a religious fund to a mere municipal body. The distributing body should be one of a different constitution. He threw this out merely as a suggestion, and not with any want of confidence in the general plan contemplated by the minute of the Committee of Management - but at the same time it might remain as a sort of protest: lest the colonists should hereafter be considered as having pledged themselves to accept the minute in its integrity as a law, and among other things be considered bound to accept the municipal body as sole distributor of the religious fund, an arrangement to which he had the strongest objection. He had no doubt but that the members of the Assocn. then present could inform him upon this point to his satisfaction.

Sir Walter James said that Lord Lyttelton's object when he drew up the minute in question was to prescribe the circumstances under which the Association's control would cease - but what the nature of the substituted control would be must depend upon the constitution hereafter granted to them by the Government. (In answer to a remark from Mr. Sewell) he considered it distinctly understood that the question in this point was left open by the Association.

Mr. Simeon declared his distinct impression that the document in question was to be taken now for as much only as it was worth, and by no means as a law binding or irrevocable.

Mr. Fitzgerald announced that with a view to assist employers and employed in his department (that of emigration-agent) he had opened a register at his office 20 Cockspur St. of the names of those who wanted labourers and of those who wanted employment. Purchasers of land who were unable to exercise their right of nomination should therefore apply to him for such servants as they might require.

Mr. Ward gave notice that at the next meeting he would move