

signature by all interested in the subject of Steam communication with New Zealand, and having requested the colonists to sign it - Mr. Rose moved and Col. Campbell seconded the following resolution

"That the Council be instructed to draw up a petition to both houses of Parliament urging upon them and upon Her Majesty's Government the expediency of opening a Steam communication with the Australian Colonies and with New Zealand, and to obtain as far as possible the signature thereto of all the intending Canterbury Colonists. That Lord Lyttelton be requested to present this petition to the House of Lords and that Mr. Simeon be requested to present it to the House of Commons.

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

Mr. Brittan 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 ~~present~~ general members of the Society.
4. That the purchasers of land after the 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, to the Superintendent of Immigration, and also to state whether they will require room for any labourers going out with them in order that ~~the Superintendent~~ he may know what accommodation will be required. After a few words from Mr. Ward concerning the Zoological committee the meeting adjourned to Thursday the 18th.

18th July 1850 Conway L. Rose.