

Colonists, for their zealous and able exertions in the offices which they kindly undertook to fill, for the benefit of their fellow colonists."

The meeting then adjourned to Thursday the 25th.

W.G.Brittan.

Thursday July 25. General Meeting. 57 Present. W.G.Brittan Esq. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman then announced that the Petition for Steam communication with Australia and New Zealand had been presented to the House of Lords by Lord Lyttelton and that the one for the House of Commons would be presented on that ~~very~~ evening by Mr. Simeon. He then mentioned the design the Association had of giving a public breakfast on board their ships on Tuesday the 30th instant to the departing Colonists and invited all present to take tickets and attend.

Mr. Sewell then said that owing to an unforeseen formality not yet complied with, the consecration of the Bishop must be delayed for a short time; he was glad however to be able to announce that the ~~progress-of-the~~ Bill which had been introduced into Parliament was making very satisfactory progress and he hoped would soon be passed.

A letter was then read from Mr. Gellie, a gentleman on the surveying staff at Canterbury giving a very ~~flourishing~~-satisfactory account of the condition and prospects of the infant colony.

The Secretary was then instructed to ~~give~~ convey the best thanks of the Society to Mr. Draper and Mr. C.L.Mountfort for presents made to the Library of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug. 1st.

W.G.Brittan.

General Meeting. Thursday August 1.

44 Present. W.G.Brittan Esq. in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman announced that the Library which had been already collected in England would be divided proportionately between all the four ships for use during the voyage. The Bishop also had kindly offered that any books suggested by any Colonists, if of general utility, should be purchased by him for the Colony. ~~He-also-said~~