

"That the present Council be requested to retain office for 12 months, and that steps be taken immediately for filling up the present vacancies in the Council"

The question being then put there appeared

For the amendment 17
For the original motion 10

Majority for the amendment 7
original-motion

Mr. Brittan then again addressed the meeting declaring that in his opinion the Council were not justified in retaining office while there existed so wide a division of opinion upon the term of its existence. As it might easily be into a mark of want of confidence in them he for himself ~~tendered~~ desired to resign and submit ~~either~~ to a new election.

Mr. Fitzgerald would adopt the same course. Other members of the Council hereupon intimated a like desire.

Mr. Dampier then moved seconded by Mr. Pollard

"That the present Council be requested to retain office until a new Council can be elected, and that a General Meeting of land-purchasers be called for that purpose for Tuesday the 7th January 1851".

This resolution being put was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Brittan then in the name of the Council acceded to the terms of the resolution and the Secretary was ordered to take steps in accordance with it.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved seconded by the Hon. Jas. Stuart Wortley - "That the Council be requested to communicate the cordial thanks of the colonists to Capt. Thomas the Chief Surveyor of the Association for his conduct of the undertaking until the arrival of Mr. Godley in the colony, and their warm admiration with which they have seen the various works which he has accomplished under circumstances of great and peculiar difficulty."

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned after a vote of thanks to the Chairman having, on the motion of Mr. Puckle seconded by Mr. Earle, been passed unanimously.

W.G. Brittan.