

Ordinary General Meeting. Held in the Land Office at Christchurch ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday the 3rd. April 1851.

On the motion of Mr. Dampier seconded by Mr. Dudley Mr. Fitzgerald was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman said the principal object of the meeting was to proceed to the election of a President and Council according to their 6th and 7th rules. They were aware that in order to qualify members nominated for election it was necessary that their names and their intention to stand for the office should be published 14 days before the General Meeting. The names of the late Council had been published at the proper time - ~~with~~ and also that of Mr. Stuart Wortley who announced himself a candidate for the place vacated by the resignation of Mr. Cholmondeley - They were therefore ipso facto elected without any ~~additional~~ voting being now required, unless the Society were of opinion that it should not be so, in which case the proper course would be to move the adjournment of the meeting for 14 days to allow time for another election.

Mr. Read moved seconded by Mr. Dudley that the election of the late council with the substitution of Mr. Wortley's name for that of Mr. Cholmondeley be confirmed.

~~The-Chairman-said-that-~~

Mr. Willock and Mr. Shand objected to the election of Mr. Wortley, he being a minor.

The Chairman ~~said~~ reminded the meeting that Mr. Wortley's name being the only candidate for the vacant place who had fulfilled the terms prescribed by rule 7, it was not competent for anyone to object to his election now, but that anyone who desired it might effect his purpose by moving the adjournment of the meeting for 14 days.

No such motion being made, Mr. Dampier moved seconded by Mr. Ward "That Mr. Wortley notwithstanding the fact of his being under age if that shd. turn out to be so, be received as the representative of Lord Wharmcliffe a land-owner in this Colony, and that his vote on all occasions be received accordingly." This was put and passed.

The Chairman then announced that the election of Mr. Brittan to be President and the re-election of the late council with the substitution of Mr. Wortley's name for Mr. Cholmondeley, stood confirmed.

The Chairman then read the Quarterly Report of the Council.