

Mr Sewell & Mr Lee's appointments were then declared vacant in consequence of the former being appointed Vice ~~President~~^{Chairman} of the Committee of the Association, which would express all his attention, and Mr Lee being obliged to defer his departure till after the sailing of the four ships. The Chairman therefore gave notice that the Council at its next meeting would elect two more members ~~in their~~ to serve in their room.

The Chairman then announced that two petitions had been lying for the last few days at the rooms for signature, praying the two Houses of Parliament to establish Steam communication with the Australian Colonies. These had been signed by a large body of the Colonists and would be immediately presented to both Houses by Lord Lyttleton and Mr Simeon M.P. Lord Lyttleton then informed the meeting that in consequence of the ~~title of~~ death of the New Zealand Company, the Association were taking steps to get a bill passed through Parliament to give them special and sole authority of over the land in the Canterbury Settlement. His Lordship also announced that as he was himself obliged to leave London for the next few months he had requested ~~the~~ Mr Henry Sewell to take his place, which that gentleman had kindly promised to do.

He begged however to assure the meeting that his interest in the affairs of the Colony would still continue unabated.

A vote of Thanks ^{having} ~~was~~ then ^{been} moved by Col Campbell and seconded by Mr Sewell to Lord Lyttleton was passed unanimously.