

General Meeting Thursday Aug. 8. 1850.

W. G. Brittan Esq in the chair

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Sewell said that he had the pleasure to be able to announce that the Bill for giving the Canterbury Association sole power over their Lands had passed both houses of Parliament, and was now only waiting for the Royal Assent. In fact it might be ~~virtually~~ considered as virtually passed. Every Colonist therefore now had a Parliamentary title to the Land which was the best they could possibly have. He wished also to mention that a consultation between the Queen's Advocate the Attorney & Solicitor General with respect to the Bishopric question would take place on Friday when no doubt the matter would be definitively settled.

Mr Brittan then said that ^{an} deputation consisting of Himself, Mr Stuart Wortley, and Mr ^{W. G. Brittan} had waited on ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Bank} of ^{Australia} and been received by Mr Curmins the Manager who had made them the following proposals which he would now submit to the Meeting, ~~together with a resolution expressing~~ ~~of the opinion~~ ~~of the Colonists on the subject.~~

The Bank had offered to send out a confidential clerk with a strong box and everything provided to set up an office in the Colony immediately on the arrival of the first ships. Any body wishing to profit by this arrangement would ^{pay} in the amount he wished to the Bank here which in return would grant him letters of credit on the office of Lyttelton for notes of £1 each of the same amount as he paid in here, only with a deduction of 2 per cent on the whole. These notes would