

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. Ballan

Tuesday Jan 7. 1851 Special general meeting of land-purchasers called for the purpose of electing a new council.

[Previous to the transaction of the special business of the meeting, the Bishop of New Zealand, who had been waited on by a deputation ^{from} of the council to request his attendance here, addressed the meeting. He explained the reason why his consent had not been obtained to the severance of the diocese of New Zealand in order to create Dr. Jackson Bishop of the Middle Island - because he had never had official notice of the intention of the Canterbury Association to demand such an increase of territory for their own bishop. Besides it was in opposition to his cherished idea of founding three ~~separate~~ bishoprics in New Zealand - one for the Government settlements, one for the ^{in Cook's Strait} Company, and the other for the district south of and inclusive of the Canterbury settlement, to Stewart's Island. As it was probable therefore that Dr. Jackson