

May 30th, General Meeting.

Present, 37 gentlemen. Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The Chairman read to the meeting the minute of the Committee of Management of 25th May, explaining the present and future relations between the Association and the Colonists. Mr. Simeon M.P. a member of the Association being present, addressed the meeting upon the principle object of the document ^{first} read which he explained originated from the anxiety which the Association felt to give everything, and to place very ^{process} they could into the hands of the colonists, consistently with the arrangements which they the Association had contracted with the Government. It was impossible entirely to shake off the responsibility which they had incurred in undertaking to found such a settlement as that of Canterbury, as far as a certain degree of control and management went, but he could assure the colonists that the principle of the Association's action (so far as they were at liberty to indulge it) was that of securing distinct colonial self-government - the only principle on which he (Mr.Simeon) would ever have taken a part in a colonizing Society.

Mr. Brittan gave notice that the next general meeting he would introduce the subject of the name of the capital town of the settlement, that a recommendation to that effect might go forth to the Association with its proper weight.

Members proposed. Mr. Charles Mountfort, Mr. Benjm. Mountfort, Mr. Augustus Cooper, Revd. James Wilson.

W.G.Brittan.