FURTHER PAPERS RELATIVE TO

THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 1863.

Members present :

Mr. J. O'Neill,

Dr. Pollen.

Mr. Daldy (Chairman).

Hugh Evans not being in attendance, Committee adjourned to to-morrow (Friday), at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 1863.

Members present :

Mr. Harrop, Mr. J. O'Neill, Dr. Pollen, Mr. Ridings,

Mr. Daldy (Chairman).

Hugh Evans examined.

Ordered, That Captain Wing be summoned for re-examination.

Monday, 12th October, 1863.

Members present:

Mr. Harrop, Mr. J. O'Neill, Dr. Pollen,

Mr. Rattray, Mr. Ridings,

Mr. Daldy (Chairman).

Captain Wing (his evidence of the 6th instant having been read over to him) examined. Adjourned to Wednesday, 14th instant, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1863.

Members present:

Mr. Harrop, Mr. J. O'Neill Mr. Ridings,

Mr. Daldy (Chairman).

Dr. Pollen, late Provincial Treasurer, examined. Ordered, That Mr. Williamson, late Superintendent, be invited to attend. Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1863.

Members present:

Mr. J. O'Neill, Dr. Pollen, Mr. Daldy (Chairman).

Mr. Ridings, Mr. Rowe,

Dr. Pollen stated to the Committee that he had informed Mr. Williamson, the late Superintendent, that if he wished to make any statement to the Committee, they would be prepared to hear it to-day, and that Mr. Williamson replied, as follows:—

Upper Queen-street, Auckland, Oct., 15th, 1863.

S:R,-

It was not until noon this day that I received your note, inviting me, on behalf of the Chairman, to attend a meeting of the "Manukau Harbour Committee," to be held at 10 a.m.

May I request that you will have the goodness to convey to the Committee my thanks for their

May I request that you will have the goodness to convey to the Committee my thanks for their courtesy in affording me an opportunity to make any statement I desired relative to the matter under their consideration; and at the same time to inform them that, unless there be some particular information which they wish me to supply, I would prefer that the Pilot's statement should be investigated by the Committee upon evidence which can be supplied by other officers of the Government to which I had the honor to belong, rather than by myself.

Yours, &c.,

J. M. Haslett, Esq., Clerk of the Committee.

J. WILLIAMSON.

Draft Report read, and the several paragraphs having been put seriatim, were severally agreed to Committee adjourned till 12 o'clock this day.