HARBOUR DEFENCES OF THE COLONY.

Provincial Council Chambers, 16th May, 1872.

Sir,—
I have the honor, by direction of the Provincial Council of the Province of Canterbury, to transmit the Resolution enclosed herewith for the consideration of the House of Representatives.

To the Hon. the Speaker, House of Representatives. I have, &c.,
HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Speaker.

[ENCLOSURE.]

"In the opinion of this Council it is desirable that the attention of the General Assembly should be called to the defenceless state of the Harbours of this Province; and that an earnest request be addressed to that body praying it to take early steps for the better protection of the seaboard of Canterbury."