Resolved-

That it is expedient if possible to obtain the evidence, on the subject of this Committee's enquiry, of the following persons, viz :-

Captain Byron Drury, R.N. Captain Deck, of the Government Brig. Mr. Burgess, Harbour Master, Auckland.

Mr. Champion, Pilot of Manukau. Mr. Porter.

Captain Salmon.

Captain Martin, of the Nelson, steamer.

And that the Chairman do apply to the House for leave to take the evidence of the above-mentioned persons; and if it be granted, do apply to the Colonial Secretary to request that Captain Deck, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Champion, be instructed to attend this Committee, and to give evidence as may be required; and do also request the other witnesses abovementioned to attend their Committee, in order to give evidence at such a time specified.

Resolved-

That the Chairman do apply to the Colonial Secretary for copies of any correspondence or reports from Harbour Masters, Officers of the Royal Navy in charge of the surveying parties, Pilots, or other persons, which may be in the possession of the Government, with regard to the subject of this Committee's enquiry.

That the Committee do now adjourn to Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock a,m.

WEDNESDAY, 21st June, 1854.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:--

Mr. Bartley, in the Chair.

Mr. E. J. Wakefield

Mr. Gledhill

Mr. Picard

Mr. Mackay

Major Greenwood.

Mr. Wakefield moved that the reports of individual members of the Committee be deferred until after the examination of witnesses. Carried.

Mr. Gledhill moved that the Committee meet again on Saturday next, at Eleven o'clock. Carried.

Committee adjourned accordingly.

SATURDAY, 24th June, 1854.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:-

Mr. Bartley, in the Chair.

Messrs. Rhodes

Messrs. Gledhill

Wakefield

Picard

Cargill

Mackay

Major Greenwood.

Major Greenwood moved that the Chairman be requested to communicate with Mr. Weld, with a view to submitting the following motion to the House:-

> "That it be an instruction to the Select Committee on Beacons and Lighthouses to enquire and report as to what improvements or alterations may be desirable in the Harbours of New Zealand.

Major Greenwood read a paper of questions he suggested to be put, in examination, to the Auckland Pilot, concerning the entrance, etc., to the harbour.

Major Greenwood read a letter from the Harbour Master to the Colonial Secretary