

THURSDAY, 6TH JULY, 1854.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—

Mr. Bartley, in the Chair.

Messrs. Gledhill	Mr. Mackay
Wakefield	Major Greenwood.
Picard	

Mr. John Alexander Smith, of Auckland, settler, attended to give evidence ; he handed in his written answers to the written questions which had been previously delivered to him. The paper is marked A.

The Chairman read over the evidence just handed in by Mr. Smith, after which Mr. Smith was further examined.

After the examination was concluded, Mr. Wakefield moved that Mr. Smith be requested to furnish additional suggestions to the Committee, relative to Beacons, Lighthouses, and Harbours. Carried unanimously.

Committee then adjourned to to-morrow, Friday, 7th July, at 3 p.m., at the House,

FRIDAY, 7TH JULY, 1854.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—

Mr. Bartley, in the Chair.

Major Greenwood	Messrs. Picard
Messrs. Wakefield	Mackay.
Gledhill	

Captain Byron Drury, R.N., was in attendance to give evidence.

A copy of questions having been furnished to Captain Drury a few days previously by order of the Committee, he handed the same to the Chairman, together with his written answers thereto.

This evidence was then read over.

Captain Drury put in a copy of a letter which he had written to Sir George Grey relative to the site for a Lighthouse at the entrance of Port Nicholson.

This was read by Major Greenwood, and accepted by the Committee as part of Captain Drury's evidence.

Captain Drury was then further examined.

Captain Drury handed in, for the perusal of the Committee, a pamphlet and some papers respecting Lighthouses in different parts of the world.

Committee adjourned to Wednesday, 12th July, at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH JULY, 1854.

At 11.15 but two members were present, viz., Messrs. Greenwood and Wakefield, who, in consequence of the non-attendance of the Committee, retired.

Mr. Bartley, the Chairman, arrived at noon, and addressed the following letter to the Committee.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BEACONS AND LIGHTHOUSES.

GENTLEMEN,—

As before the next meeting of the Committee I shall have ceased to be a member of the House of Representatives, it is hardly necessary to intimate to you that, as a consequence, I shall cease to hold the position of Chairman.

However, to prevent any appearance of disrespect, and to preclude unnecessary delay in the attainment of the subject of the Committee, I formally announce that I can no longer hold the office of Chairman.

I remain, Gentlemen, with much respect,
[Signed] THOS. H. BARTLEY.

11th July, 1854.

Committee to meet to-morrow, at 11 a.m.