

A message from the Officer administering the Government was announced, His Excellency's Private Secretary was introduced, and presented the following Messages Nos. 11, 12, and 13, which were read by Mr. Speaker, and laid upon the table.

MESSAGE No. 11.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, transmits to the House of Representatives, a Petition which he has received from the Officers of the General Government resident in Auckland, praying that some provisions may be made by the Government, for their relief during the present high rate of the necessities of life, and his Excellency recommends the prayer of the Petition to the favourable consideration of the House.

His Excellency also informs the House that he has received similar applications from nearly every Officer in the employment of the General Government in the other Provinces.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Government House,  
Auckland, 6th, September, 1854.

MESSAGE No. 12.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives certain papers which have been received, representing the necessity of establishing a branch of the Customs Department at the Chatham Islands, and in the event of the House considering it advisable to appoint a Collector of Customs and Resident Magistrate at this station, His Excellency suggests that provision should be made for the expense of such an Officer.

R. H. WYNYARD,  
Officer administering the Government.

Government House, Auckland,  
September 6th, 1854.

MESSAGE No. 13.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives, a Petition which he has received from Alexander McKay respecting a debt due to him from the late Mr. Andrew Wylie of Otago.

R. H. WYNYARD,

Government House,  
Auckland, 6th September, 1854.

On motion of Mr. Travers a petition contained in Message No. 11 was read, and ordered to be considered with the Estimates.

House then adjourned until 6 o'clock this evening.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the chair.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

On the Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, it was agreed that the remaining orders of the day on this day's notice paper be placed first on the notice paper for to-morrow, and that the Estimates should be considered in Committee between the hours of 12 and 4 o'clock.

On motion of Dr. Monro, the third reading of the Nelson Trust Funds Bill was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ludlam gave notice that to-morrow he would move, on consideration of Message No. 7, the following resolution, "That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Officer administering the Government, praying that His Excellency will be pleased under the peculiar circumstances of hardship by which Mr. S. E. Grimstone lost his office of Chief Clerk in the late Civil Secretary's Office, to place the sum of £500 on the Estimates as a grant to that officer.

House adjourned at 8 o'clock until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,  
Speaker.