A Message from the Officer administering the Government was announced.

His Excellency's Private Secretary was introduced, who delivered the following Messages, which were read by Mr. Speaker:—

Message No. 19.

The Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives, copies of the Plans of the Pensioner Settlement Districts, and the Southern Division, which Plans are requested to be furnished in a Resolution of the House, dated 27th June last, No. 18 of Session 1.

The Electoral Roll for these Districts will be found attached to Message No. 10, forwarded to the House by His Excellency on the 28th June last.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Government House,

Auckland, 8th September, 1854.

MESSAGE No. 20.

The Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives, for the favourable consideration of the House, three letters from various persons in the employment of the Customs Department at this Port, requesting an increase of pay.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Government House,

Auckland 9th September, 1854.

MESSAGE No. 21.

The Officer administering the Government forwards to the House of Representatives, a copy of a letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary by Thomas Beckham, Esq., requesting some addition to be made to his Salary as Resident Magistrate at Auckland; and His Excellency recommends this application to the favourable consideration of the House.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Government House,

Auckland, 8th September, 1854.

MESSAGE No. 23.

The Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives, the enclosed Supplementary Estimates, No. 2, for the year 1854-5.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Officer administering the Government,

Government House,

Auckland, September 11, 1854.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien His Excellency's Messages on the subject of finance, Nos. 21, 22, and 23, ordered to be considered in Committee on the Estimates.

Mr. Macandrew, pursuant to notice, moved No. 1 standing in his name on this day's paper. Agreed to.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for further consideration of the Estimates.

On the Speaker resuming the Chair, the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at 6 o'clock this evening.

House adjourned at ½ past 4 o'clock until 6 o'clock this evening.