

which those claims, if established, should be satisfied. Such Committee to consist of Mr. Merriman, Mr. J. Cargill, Mr. Henderson, Mr. East, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Lee, Mr. Williamson, and the mover.

8. MR. FOX to move, That the petition of McCormick and other members of the Pensioner Force be taken into consideration.
9. MR. TRAVERS to move, That on Thursday, orders of the day do take precedence of notices of motion.
10. MR. CHARLES BROWN to move, That this House is of opinion no detention of the "Zingari" should take place on her arrival, so as to derange the line of communication maintained by that steamer and the "William Denny."

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Report of the Committee on the Province of Taranaki Bill.
2. Report of the Committee on Land Scrip.
3. Resolutions proposed by the Colonial Treasurer (on the notice paper of Saturday last)—to be further considered in Committee of Ways and Means.

The COLONIAL TREASURER to move, In Committee of Ways and Means on the Resolutions embodying the Financial policy of the Government, the following Resolution after Resolution 13—

"That, if the before mentioned loan of £500,000, or any part thereof, shall be required to be raised at a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent., a *pro rata* increase of the rate of interest shall be charged against all the respective Provinces in respect of the principal sum with which they may be respectively chargeable.

MR. FITZHERBERT, in Committee of Ways and Means, to move, as resolutions, That the sum already contributed by the different Provinces towards the New Zealand Company's debt, but not yet remitted home (amounting to £27 000 more or less), and which the Committee of the House have determined shall be considered as a debt of the Colony, and be provided for accordingly, shall be ultimately refunded to the various Provinces in the proportions of their several original contributions thereto.

1st. Should the New Zealand Company not demand the remittance of this sum, then the aforesaid refund shall be made immediately after advices to that effect shall have been received by the Government of the colony, such payment being made out of the sum authorized to be raised as a national loan.

2nd. But, should the Company require the remittance of the said sum, then an immediate refund shall be made to the respective Provinces of the Northern Island, by the Provinces of the Middle Island, of such a proportion of the compounded debt of the Company as shall correspond to the further reduction of that debt occasioned by the remittance of the Northern Island contribution of the aforesaid £27,000.

That regard should be also had to the claims of such Provinces as have absorbed New Zealand Company's Scrip, with the view of crediting such Provinces with such sums as they may be found entitled to in respect thereof.

MR. LUDLAM, to move, in Committee of Ways and Means, That as further part of such general and permanent arrangement, it is expedient that the interest on the floating debt, and also the charges of the General Government be borne upon the Revenues of the whole Colony, and that the Land Revenue should contribute an equal quota with the Customs Revenue to such interest and charges.

4. District Courts Bill—to be recommitted.

MR. WARD, in Committee on the District Courts Bill, to move the insertion of certain clauses (See notice paper of yesterday.)

- 5 Wesleyan Property Sale Bill—third reading.
6. English Acts Bill—second reading.
7. Native Reserves Bill—to be further considered in Committee.
8. New Zealand Debentures Bill—to be re-committed.
9. Bills of Sale Registration Bill reported—adoption of the report.