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

On motion of Mr. Stafford, the House adjourned at 10 minutes past five o'clock, until seven

o'clock this evening.

The House resumed at seven o'clock in Committee of Ways and Means.

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

12. Estimates of Expenditure:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Speaker left the chair, the House resolving itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1857.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to

sit again to-morrow.

13. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Bell, the House adjourned at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1856.

- 1. Mr. J. Cargill to ask the hon, member at the head of the Government whether or not the steamer Zingari will go on to Otago next trip, in the event of the members for that Province being desirous of proceeding home by her; and what will be the cost of such extra service
- 2. Mr. Brodie to move, as a resolution, That it is the opinion of this House that immediate action should be taken by the Government (if practicable) for the arrest of Mr. E. H. E. Blackmore, late Collector and Sub-Treasurer of Nelson, for his late defalcation.
- 3. Mr. Macandrew to move, That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he may be pleased to give the necessary instructions to the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Otago, to pay over to the Trustees for religious and educational uses of that Settlement the balance accruing to said trust, under the late terms of purchase of land within the Otago block.
- 4. The Colonial Secretary to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the sub-division of the Provinces of New Zealand into Counties, Hundreds, and Townships.
- 5. Mr. Carleton to move, That the Petition of Margaret Forbes, concerning her land claim at Onehunga, be printed; also that the said petition be referred to the select Committee on Land Claims.
- 6. Mr. Travers to move, That in any alteration in the Constitution Act, it is expedient that the power of fixing by way of specific appropriation the costs, charges, and expenses, of and incidental to the collection, management and receipt of duties of import and export, and of the revenue arising from the disposal of Waste Lands of the Crown, and of the revenue arising from taxes, duties, rates, and imposts levied under any act or acts of the General Assembly, and the power of providing by law for the regulating and auditing the costs charges and expenses, of, and incidental to the collection, management, and receipt of duties of import and export, should be forthwith given to the General Assembly.
- 7. Mr. Bell to move, That leave of absence be granted to the hon, member for the Hutt, Mr. Ludian, for the remainder of the session, from Thursday next.
- 8. Mr. Henderson to move. That the report of the Select Committe on the "Buffalo" seamen's petition be referred back to the Committee for consideration of the claim of another applicant.
- 9. Adjourned debate on the question, That the honourable member for Christchurch Country District (Mr. Brittin), is guilty of a contempt of this House, in his letter printed in the Lyttelton Times of the 18th of June.
- 10. Mr. FITZHERBERT to ask leave of absence for the remainder of session.
- 11. Mr. Hall to move, That in the event of the financial scheme of the Government failing from inability to obtain the necessary loan of £500,000, the loan of £200,000 offered by the Home Government for liquidation of the New Zealand Company's Debt, shall be raised on the terms proposed, and the mode of payment shall stand over for adjustment amongst the several Provinces at a future period.