

tendent of a Province, and whether the acceptance of the former does or does not *ipso facto* vacate the latter; in order that on such case being prepared, an address may be presented by this House to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to ask Mr. Justice Stephen to assist him with his opinion thereon. Such Committee to consist of the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ward, Mr. John Cargill, Mr. Brittin, and the mover.

10. **MR. FITZHERBERT** to move, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency praying him to cause to be placed on the Estimates the sum of 8000*l.* for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation of the Select Committee on Inter-Provincial Steam Communication.
11. **MR. BELL** to move, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor praying that he will cause to be laid on the table any reply which may have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the memorial of the Provincial Council of Wellington, relative to a difference between a member of that Council and the Officer commanding H. M. Troops in the Southern Division.
12. **MR. WARD** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Marriage Act of 1854.
13. **MR. TRAVERS** to move, That a copy of an Ordinance passed by the Provincial Council of Otago, intituled "The Provincial Council Ordinance, 1856." And of any opinion of the Law Officer of the Government in relation to such Bill, be laid on the table of the House.
14. **MR. HALL** to move for copies of correspondence respecting conditions of services of Staff Officers of Pensioners.
15. **MR. FOX** to move, That it is essential to the proper conduct of the business of this House that the principal Law Officer of the Crown should be a person holding a seat in this House.

CHARLES CLIFFORD,
Speaker.