

On motion of Mr. Stafford, the consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 33, was ordered to stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.

7. Adjournment (special):—The Colonial Treasurer moved, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday at two o'clock.  
Question put and passed.
8. Provincial Councils Criminal Law Bill:—On motion of Mr. Hall, the report of the Committee of the whole House on this Bill was adopted, and the Bill was then read a third time and passed.  
Mr. Hall moved, That the title of the Bill be, "A Bill to enable the Superintendents to make Laws altering the Criminal Law of New Zealand in certain cases."  
Question put and passed; and Mr. Hall and Mr. Carleton were ordered to present the Bill to the Legislative Council.
9. Adjournment:—On motion of Mr. Bell, the House adjourned at ten minutes to four o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

MONDAY, JULY 28, 1856.

1. MR. FOX to move, That the report of the Committee on the pensioners' petition be adopted.
2. MR. CARLETON to move, That the report of the Library Committee be adopted; also (if adopted) to move that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency, requesting him to place the sum of 100*l*. on the supplementary estimates, in order to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.
3. MR. DALDY to move, That leave of absence be extended to Mr. R. Graham, member for Southern Division, if unable to attend from sickness.

## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. MR. BELL, on going into Committee of Supply on the Estimates, to move the following resolutions:—

That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when it is necessary that the costs and charges of collection and management of the Customs Revenue should be regulated and audited by the General Assembly, and that the same be brought into annual votes of appropriation, in the manner now adopted in the United Kingdom.

That it appears the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by instructions dated in March, 1852, have virtually transferred the whole control of the Customs Department to the Colonial Government, and that the accounts of that Department have, since July, 1853, been under those instructions, audited and passed by the Auditor-General, while the Governor has, of his own authority, determined the nature and amount of the various charges incident to the collection of the import duties of the Colony.

That, inasmuch as by the 63rd clause of the Constitution Act, notwithstanding such transfer had been virtually made, as aforesaid, before the passing of the Act, the regulation and audit of the said costs and charges is still reserved to the Lords of the Treasury, it appears to this House to be necessary, in order to carry into legal effect such transfer (so far as the same may be done without Act of Parliament), that the Lords of the Treasury shall issue directions to the Governor, requiring him to be guided in the regulation and audit of the said costs and charges, by the concurrence with his Excellency of the other branches of the Legislature, in order to the same being brought into the Appropriation Act.

That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly advisable that in any measure proposed to be submitted to Parliament for altering the Constitution Act, a clause should be introduced absolutely transferring to the General Assembly the control of the Customs Department, with the regulation and audit of the costs and charges thereof.

That, pending such instructions by the Treasury, or such alteration in the Constitution Act, this House do, by resolutions, determine what, in its opinion, ought to be the nature and amount of the said costs and charges, and do respectfully address the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to adopt such resolutions for the guidance of the Executive Government.