- 4. Old Land Claims Final Settlement Bill-to be re-committed.
- 5. Revenues Bill-second reading.
- 6. Provincial Postage Bill—to be considered in committee.
- 7. Estimates of Expenditure for the year ending 30th June, 1857—to be further considered in committee.

## CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION.

- I. Mr. TAYBOR to move, on the House proceeding to consider the expenses of the Land Purchase Department, That it is the opinion of this House,
  - 1. That the Government should be authorised to expend such amount as may be requisite for the establishment of the Land Purchase Department.
  - 2. That the present system of Sub-Commissioners, working under a Chief Commissioner in purchasing lands is unsatisfactory, and that the Government should, if possible, make all Commissioners directly responsible in effecting purchases in the districts where they may be employed.
  - 3. That all surveys in connection with the purchases of Native Lands should be made with the cognizance of the Provincial Governments.
  - 4. That accounts of all expenses incurred in accordance with the above resolutions should be laid on the table of this House as soon as possible after its next meeting.
- 2. Mr. Lee to move, on the House going into Committee on the Estimates, That all sums of money voted by this House under the head of "Native Expenditure" in the Supplementary Estimates, be placed at the disposal of his Excellency, with the advice and consent of the responsible Ministers.
- 3. Mr. Williamson to move, in Committee of Supply, the following Resolution, That, with a view to encourage the preparation of New Zealand Flax as an article of export, a respectful address be presented to the Governor, authorising his Excellency to grant a bonus of £ to such person or persons as shall prove to the satisfaction of the Government that they have discovered a means whereby Flax can be prepared in such quantities as will render it an article of general export.
- 4. Mr. Hald to move, on the consideration of the Civil List, That the House, not seeking at present to disturb the existing relations between the Governor and his Responsible Ministers, as to the management of Native affairs, (pending reference to the Home Government) is nevertheless of opinion, that it would greatly conduce to the peace and good government of the Colony, if all departments of Government were placed under the ordinary control of Responsible Ministers, subject to so much of the rule laid down in the second paragraph of the Governor's Memorandum of the 15th April, 1856, establishing the relations between the Governor and his responsible advisers, as declares, "That on matters affecting the Queen's prerogative and Imperial interests generally, the Governor will be happy to receive their advice, but when he differs from them in opinion, he will (if they desire it) submit their views to the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, adhering to his own until an answer is received."

CHARLES CLIFFORD,
Speaker,.