8. Seamen H.M.S. "Buffalo":—Mr. Williamson, pursuant to notice, moved, That the recommendation of the Committee on the petition of certain persons, formerly seamen of H.M.S. "Buffulo," be adopted by the House, and that a respectful address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting him to give effect to that recommendation.

Mr. Henderson moved, That the question be amended by the addition of the name of

Robert Williamson to those contained in the report.

Question, That the name proposed to be added be so added, put and passed.

Whereupon question as amended put and passed.

9. Survey Department:—Mr. Williamson, pursuant to amended, notice moved, That the petitions of Officers of the Surveyor General's Department be referred to a select Committee, to enquire and report on the prayer of the petitions. Committee to consist of Mr. Smith, Mr. East, Mr. Wells, Mr. Ward, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Lee, and the mover.

Debate ensued:

On motion of Mr. Stafford the debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

10. Supreme Court Procedure Bill:—Mr. Stafford moved, That Orders of the day Nos. 2 and 3 be first considered.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Stafford moved, That a conference be requested with the Legislative Council on the amendments by the Council to the Supreme Court Procedure Bill, and that the managers of such conference on the part of this House, be the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Travers.

Question put and passed.

- 11. Native Reserves Bill:—On motion of Mr. Stafford the amendments by the Legislative Council to this Bill were read and agreed to by the House, and the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Campbell, were ordered to notify the same to the Legislative Council.
- 12. Estimates:—The first order of the day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for further consideration of the Estimates.

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

13. Adjournment:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the House adjourned at five minutes to eleven o'clock until to-morrow at noon.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

## THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1856.

- 1. Mr. Bell to ask the honorable member at the head of the Government, whether it is the intention of Government to make any provision for completing the investigation into titles under contracts of the New Zealand Company, some time since devolved upon the Crown, and for the issuing of grants pursuant to the Act of Parliament in that behalf.
- 2. MR. Beckham to ask the hon. member at the head of the Government, whether it is the intention of the Government to take steps with reference to the petition of Mr. J. J. Piercy; forwarded to the Colonial Secretary by the Resident Magistrate, on the 9th day of April, 1856, and if so, what those steps are.
- 3. Mr. Bell to move, That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate with the Home Government, in order to ascertain whether a sufficient number of small arms, which may have been thrown out of service by the introduction of the Minie rifle, can be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Government for the purpose of arming the local Militia. And also, whether any guns can be obtained, to be deposited in the several ports of the Colony, so as to be available for defence in the event of a war with any foreign power extending to these seas.
- 4. Mr. Curtis to move, That the petition of John Sharpe, David Johnson, and Thomas Fagan, be printed with the papers of the House.
- 5. Mr. Fox to move, That the names of Mr. Hall and Mr. Domett be added to the Printing Committee.
- 6. Mr. Fox to move, That the Committees on Registration and on the Constitution Act be discharged.
- 7. Mr. Hall to move, That a respectful address be presented to his Excellency, requesting that he will cause to be communicated to this House, copy of a despatch to the Secretary of State; dated