

5. Message :—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor received and read :—  
Steam Communication and Magistrates.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,  
Governor.

*Message No. 30.*

The Governor recommends the House of Representatives to authorize the Government to take such steps as may appear expedient, for the maintenance of an efficient steam service between the Provinces for a period of three years, at a cost not exceeding £10,000 a year, with power to extend such service to the Australian Colonies.

The Governor further recommends the House of Representatives to authorize the Government to make the necessary advances for maintaining the several Resident Magistrates' Departments, not placed on the Civil List or General Estimates, pending arrangements with the Provincial Governments for taking charge of those Departments.

Government House,  
Auckland, 11th July, 1856.

On motion of Mr. Stafford his Excellency's Message No. 30 was ordered to be considered in committee of supply.

6. Paper :—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following paper :—  
(1.) Circular letter to Commissioner of Crown Lands respecting the disposal of the land fund; and transfer of the administration of the Crown lands to the Provincial Governments.
7. Postponements :—On motion of Mr. Fox the reports of the Committees on the Registration Bill, and changes in the Constitution Act, were postponed until Thursday next.
8. Nelson Defalcation Committee :—Mr. Fox, Chairman of this Committee, brought up their report, which, with the evidence of Mr. Sinclair, taken before the Committee, was ordered to be printed.
9. Native Affairs :—On motion of Mr. Stafford the message of his Excellency the Governor No. 29, enclosing the report of a Commission appointed by his Excellency to inquire into the state of native affairs in the colony, was ordered to be printed.
10. Estimates :—The fifth 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.
11. New Zealand Debenture Bill :—On motion of Mr. Stafford Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of re-committing this Bill.  
On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman reported the Bill with further amendments, and the adoption of the report was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.
12. Superintendents' Vacancy and Temporary Absence Act :—On motion of Mr. Stafford this Bill was read a second time, and the consideration thereof in Committee was ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.
13. Revenues' Bill :—On motion of Mr. Stafford this Bill was discharged from the notice paper.
14. Adjournment :—On motion of Mr. Stafford the House adjourned at twenty-five minutes past six o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1856.

1. 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 of Auckland, on the 9th of April, 1856; and if so, what those steps are.
2. MR. EAST to ask the hon. member at the head of the Government if it is the intention of the Ministry to advise his Excellency the Governor to fill up the vacancies in the Legislative Council, in order that the whole of the Colony may be represented in that Assembly.
3. MR. FOX to ask leave to lay on the table, for the adoption by the House, of certain proposed Standing Orders, relating to the proceedings on Private Bills, and other private matters.

4. Mr. Fox