

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Fox,
Mr. Henderson,
Mr. Fitzherbert,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Daldy,
Mr. Beckham,
Mr. Brodie,
Mr. Featherston,
Mr. Ward,
Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Brown (teller).

Noes, 20.

Mr. Brittin,
Mr. Cuff,
Major Greenwood,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Ludlam,
Mr. East,
Mr. Richmond,
Mr. Wells,
Mr. Elliott,
Mr. Sewell,
Mr. Bell,
Mr. Domett,
Mr. Stafford,
Mr. J. Cargill,
Captain Cargill,
Mr. Macandrew (teller).

7. Orders of the day :—It being past three o'clock, the House proceeded to the consideration of the orders of the day.

8. Postal Steam Communication :—On the motion of Mr. Sewell, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of his Excellency's Message, No. 4.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee recommend the following resolution for adoption by the House,—“That this House having taken into consideration, his Excellency's Message transmitting the Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 4th of December last, upon the subject of the re-establishment of postal communication by steam between the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, is of opinion that it is expedient that the proposal therein contained should be accepted upon the part of the Colony of New Zealand.”

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by the House, put and passed.

9. Pensions Bill :—On motion of Mr. Sewell, Mr. Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of his Excellency's Message No. 7.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the chair, the Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee recommend the following resolution for adoption by the House,—“That this House do make provision for the services expressed in his Excellency's Message No. 7.”

Question, That the foregoing resolution be adopted by the House, put and passed.

Mr. Sewell moved the suspension of the Standing Orders relative to public bills.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sewell, the Pensions Bill was then read a first and second time, and the consideration thereof in Committee ordered to stand an order of the day for to-morrow.

The House resumed consideration of the notices of motion on this day's paper.

10. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Carleton withdrew the motion standing in his name, second on the notice paper of this day.

11. Report of Committee on Disputed Elections :—Mr. Fox, pursuant to notice, moved for leave to bring up the report of the Committee on Disputed Elections on the next sitting day of the House.

Question put and passed.

12. Petition of Lazarus Berlowitz :—Mr. Fitzherbert, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved, That the petition of Lazarus Berlowitz be printed, and referred to a Select Committee, to consist of Mr. Wells, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Macandrew, Mr. Richmond, Mr. John Cargill, Mr. Domett, and the mover; and, with a view to the information of such Committee, that copies of all correspondence between the General Government and the Collector of Customs at Nelson, and copies of the information and evidence upon which the Resident Magistrate, and other Justices at Nelson, acted in this case, be laid upon the table of the House; and that the report be not brought up until such correspondence and evidence be obtained, unless the latter should not be received on the return of the “Zingari.”

Question put and passed.

13. New Zealand Company's Debt Committee :—Mr. Bell, pursuant to notice moved, That Mr. Macandrew and Mr. Brittin be added to the New Zealand Company's Debt Committee.

Question put and passed.

14. Motions withdrawn :—Mr. Brodie withdrew the motions standing in his name, sixth and seventh on the notice paper of this day.

15. Adjournment