

SCHEDULE of MESSAGES received from His Excellency the Governor during the Fourth Session, 1856.

Received.	SUBJECT.	Votes and Proceedings.
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April 15.	1. <i>Confirmation of Election of Speaker.</i>	1.
April 17.	2. <i>Commissions of His Excellency.</i> Transmitting copies of Commission as Governor of New Zealand, with Royal Instructions, also Commission as Vice-Admiral of the same. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 5).	5.
April 17.	3. <i>Disputed Election Petitions.</i> Transmitting six petitions against the return of certain members to serve in the House of Representatives, viz:— Petition of James O'Neill against the return of Thomas Beckham for the City of Auckland. “ Daniel Pollen “ “ Walter Brodie for the Suburbs. “ Walter Brodie “ “ Frederick Ward Merriman for the Suburbs. “ certain electors of the Northern Division against the return of Walter Lee for that District. “ James Farmer, against the return of Joseph Greenwood and John Williamson for the Pensioner Settlements. “ William Buckland against the return of Charles John Taylor for Southern Division.	5, 9, 20.
April 25.	4. <i>Postal Steam Communication.</i> Transmitting a circular Despatch from Secretary of State, dated 30th November, 1855, upon the subject of Postal Steam Communication between Great Britain and the Australian Colonies. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 2).	11, 16.
April 25.	5. <i>Finance.</i> Transmitting Financial Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for the periods included between 1st January, 1853 and 31st December, 1855. *Memorandum of the Auditor-General having reference to the above, dated 10th May 1856, and laid on the table of the House by the Colonial Secretary 13th May, 1856, printed with it as an appendix. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 4).	11, 255.
April 25.	6. <i>Canterbury—Land Fund.</i> Transmitting copies of correspondence relative to an alleged over-payment from the Land Fund of Canterbury to its Provincial Treasury, (being in answer to an address of the House of 17th April, 1856) in continuation of papers transmitted to the House in its last session by his Excellency the Officer administering the Government, enclosure to Message No. 25 of August 21st, 1855.	11.
April 25.	7. <i>Pensions Bill.</i> Initiated.	12.
April 28.	8. <i>Surveyor General; Land Claims; Gunpowder.</i> Transmitting Expenditure on account of Surveyor-General's Department for the year 1855, also to 31st March, 1856. Ordered to be printed (C.—No. 1). Correspondence relative to certain Land Claims. Correspondence relative to exportation of Gunpowder from New South Wales; (being returns to addresses of the House in its last session).	15.
April 29.	9. <i>Natives.</i> Transmitting copies of letters and petition from Waikato tribes, praying for a restriction of the sale of spirits to the Natives. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 1).	20.
May 3.	10. <i>Superintendents of Provinces. Highways and Watercourses.</i> Transmitting Despatch from Secretary of State and correspondence relative to the position and precedence of Superintendents of Provinces (in answer to an address of 25th April); also correspondence relative to the power of Provincial Legislatures of interfering with established lines of Roads and Water-courses passing through lands of the Crown (in answer to an address of 29th April.)	27.
May 8.	11. <i>Pensions Bill.</i> Assented to.	33.
May 8.	12. <i>Supreme Court Procedure Bill; Law Amendment Bill.</i> Initiated. Enclosing two Reports on the Procedure of the Supreme Court in Civil cases.	33.
May 8.	13. <i>Receivers of Public Revenue.</i> Transmitting nominal returns of the Receivers of the Public Revenue, also of Defalcations by public Officers since foundation of Colony (in answer to an address of the House dated 29th April).	34.
May 8.	14. <i>Pensions Bill.</i> Transmitting a Memorandum having reference to it (in answer to two resolutions of the House of 29th April).	34.
May 13.	15. “ <i>Flora Novæ Zealandiæ.</i> ” Enclosing copy of letter from Mr. William Archer, of Van Diemen's Land, suggesting a contribution from the General Assembly of New Zealand to Dr. Hooker towards his personal expenditure in preparing the work.	41.
May 13.	16. <i>Special Scrip to Natives.</i> Enclosing copy of letter from Mr. R. Eager, dated 1st April, 1856, on the subject of Special Scrip issued by Sir G. Grey to certain Native Chiefs.	41.
May 13.	17. <i>Finance—Civil List.</i> Transmitting account of Expenditure of Civil List from period of last account furnished, to 31st December 1855. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 6).	41.

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May 14.	18. <i>Native Disturbances</i> —New Plymouth. Transmitting copy of reply of Secretary of State for the Colonies to a memorial of Superintendent and Provincial Council of New Plymouth on this subject (in answer to an address of the House of 9th May). Ordered to be printed (C.—No. 13).	45.
May 16.	19. <i>Records of New Munster.</i> Informing the House of their safe keeping (in answer to an address of the House of 15th May).	51.
May 17.	20. <i>Standing Orders.</i> Assented to.	53.
May 17.	21. <i>Postal Steam Communication.</i> Transmitting copies of correspondence on the subject, between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria.	53.
May 20.	22. <i>Land Scrip.</i> Transmitting a return of all Scrip receivable in the purchase of Crown Lands, since 5th July, 1850 (in answer to an address of the House of 25th April).	55.
June 30.	23. <i>Finance</i> —Collection of Revenue. Transmitting detailed accounts of Expenditure on account of the management and survey of Waste Lands of the Crown. Also, cost of management and collection of the Customs Revenue. Ordered to be printed (B.—No. 7).	152.
June 30.	24. <i>Finance</i> —Estimates. Transmitting Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1856-57.	152.
July 2.	25. <i>Finance</i> —Additional Estimates. Transmitting additional Estimates in compliance with recommendations proposed by addresses of the House of 5th June.	159.
July 2.	26. <i>Next Session of General Assembly.</i> Referring to a resolution of the House of Representatives of 26th May, and requesting a more distinct indication of their wishes in the matter.	159.
July 3.	27. <i>Finance</i> —Supplementary Estimates. Transmitting Estimates of Excess of Expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1856.	167.
July 3.	28. <i>Finance</i> —Native Expenditure. Requesting a grant of £3000 for Native Purposes, to be appropriated in the way of loans, presents, pensions, and medical attendance.	168.
July 9.	29. <i>Native Affairs.</i> Transmitting copy of the Report of the Board of Enquiry into Native affairs, with sundry papers annexed. Ordered to be printed. (B.—No. 3.)	177.
July 11.	30. <i>Finance</i> —Steam Communication—Resident Magistrates. Recommending a vote of £10,000 for three years for the maintenance of rapid and efficient Inter-Provincial and Inter-Colonial Steam Communication, in accordance with the wishes of the House, as expressed in its Resolution of 28th April and 28th May, 1856. Also, to make provision for certain Departments of the Resident Magistrates Courts, pending arrangements with the various Provincial Authorities.	184.
July 15.	31. <i>Chart of New Zealand.</i> Transmitting an Admiralty Chart of New Zealand, containing the surveys of H.M.S. "Acheron" and "Pandora," from 1848 to 1855.	192.
July 22.	32. <i>Native Education</i> —Appropriation of Civil List. Transmitting copy of Despatch to the Secretary of State dated 16th June, 1853, relative to the appropriation of sums devoted to Native education (in answer to an address of the House of 15th July. Ordered to be printed with papers, in continuation, laid on the table 29th May and 8th July (A.—No. 7).	203.
July 26.	33. <i>Native Reserves Bill.</i> Proposing an amendment in clause xvii of the Bill.	219.
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July 31.	35. <i>Finance</i> —Supplementary Estimates. Transmitting Supplementary Estimates for Excess of Expenditure for the year ended 30th June, 1856. Also Estimate for gratuity and pension to A. Browne (in answer to an address of the House of 26th July).	233.
August 4.	36. <i>Finance</i> —Resident Magistrates' Courts. Transmitting Estimates for the charges of Resident Magistrates' Courts for six months commencing 1st July, 1856.	241.
August 4.	37. <i>Finance</i> —His Excellency's Visit South. Transmitting Estimates for the expense of his Excellency's Visit to the Southern Provinces, incurred under a resolution of the late House of Representatives of 12th September, 1855.	242.

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August 5.	38. <i>Finance</i> —Library for the House. Transmitting additional Estimate for a Library for the Houses of Assembly (in answer to an address of the House of 28th July).	PAGE. 246.
August 5.	39. <i>Additional Standing Orders.</i> Assented to.	246.
August 5.	40. <i>Finance</i> —Fortification of Mechanics' Bay, Auckland. Transmitting additional Estimate for cost of the above.	246.
August 7.	41. <i>Finance</i> —Mr. J. J. Piercy's arrears of Salary. Transmitting additional Estimate (in answer to an address of the House of 5th August).	255.
August 8.	42. <i>Peace with Russia.</i> Transmitting Government Gazette Extraordinary, containing Her Majesty's Proclamation of Peace with the Emperor of all the Russias.	259.
August 8.	43. <i>Customs Duties Bill.</i> Proposing sundry amendments in clauses I. and II. of the Bill.	259.
August 9.	44. <i>Finance</i> —Furniture for Government House. Transmitting an additional Estimate for the above (in answer to an address of the House of 8th August).	265.
August 11.	45. <i>Finance</i> —Native Expenditure. Recommending the reconsideration of the vote of the House of 8th August, in answer to His Excellency's Message No. 28.	272.
August 11.	46. <i>Finance</i> —Next Session of General Assembly. Recommending the House to make provision for the expenses of the next Session being held at Wellington.	272.
August 14.	47. <i>Appropriation Bill.</i> Initiated.	279.
August 14.	48. <i>Assent to Bills.</i>	279.
August 16.	49. <i>Next Session of General Assembly.</i> Informing the House of His Excellency's decision in reference to the next session of the General Assembly.	283.
August 16.	50. <i>Assent to Bills.</i>	284.