

MESSAGE No. 11.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives a Petition, which he has received, from the Officers of the General Government, residing in Auckland, praying that some provision may be made by the Government for their relief during the present high rate of the necessaries of life ; and His Excellency recommends the prayer of this Petition to the favourable consideration of the House.

His Excellency also informs the House that he has received similar applications from nearly every Officer in the employment of the General Government in the other Provinces.

R. H. WYNARD.

Government House,
Auckland, 6th September, 1854.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL ROBERT HENRY WYNYARD, C.B., THE OFFICER
ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLANDS OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Petition of the undersigned Officers, and others in the employment of the General Government of the Colony, respectfully

Sheweth,—

That in consequence of the present high, and still increasing, rate of food, clothing, lodging, &c., your Petitioners find it difficult to provide themselves with the necessaries of life.

That many of your Petitioners being married men, with large families, find these hardships press with such severity upon them as to render it impossible for them on their present salaries to keep free from debt.

That many of your Petitioners have been members of the Government for many years, some since the first establishment of the Colony, and while they have witnessed the increase of the Public Revenue, and the growing success of their fellow Colonists, they have themselves in nowise derived any advantage from the general prosperity.

That your Petitions have seen that in the neighbouring colonies under similar circumstances the Colonial Governments have afforded relief to their Officers.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Excellency will be pleased to forward this, their Petition, to the House of Representatives, accompanied with such recommendation as you may deem their case merits, in order that when the Estimates for the General Expenditure are under consideration some provision may be made to meet their urgent necessities.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

G. Elliott Elliott, 1st Clerk Colonial Secretary's Office.	Thomas Sanders, Clerk Resident Magistrate's Court.
James Elliott, 2nd Clerk Col. Sec. Office.	Ben. Woods, Bailiff, Resident Magistrate's Court.
Henry Wm. Tyler, Clerk Colonial Secretary's Office.	Edward Bull, Acting Locker, Customs.
James S. Baylis, Chief Clerk Col. Treasury.	David Rough, H. M. Customs.
Reader Wood, Deputy Surveyor General.	W. Corbett, Post Office.
James Baber, Senior Draftman Survey Office.	James Naughton, Post Office.
George White, Assitant Survey Office.	Charles Heaphy, Senior District Surveyor.
C. H. McIntosh, 2nd Draftsman Survey Office.	Charles Churton, Cadet
Andrew Sinclair, Clerk Survey Office.	George Macdonnell, Cadet
Edward Taylor, Clerk and Warehouse keeper, Customs.	Joseph Crispe, Survey Staff.
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William Dover, Audit Clerk.	Alex. C. Macdonald, Col. Sec. Office.
Edward Barry, Clerk in the Resident Magistrate's Court.	Seering H. Matthews, ditto.
	Robert Lyle, ditto.
	Michael Hartnett.