

election. According to the lists sent in twelve gentlemen  
<sup>whose names he read</sup> had obtained by far the largest number of votes, and  
it was for the meeting then if they chose to confirm  
their election. After some discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald  
moved and Mr. Ross seconded the resolution

"That the election of the Council be postponed till  
next Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, and the Secretary be  
requested to send a notice to all the members of  
the Society who have not hitherto voted, to acquaint  
them with this resolution.

The Chairman having read a letter from Mr.  
Moore on the subject of Steam communication with  
and between the ports of New Zealand - said that he  
regretted that the Society ~~could~~ were not in a position  
to do more than they had done on the former occasion  
when Mr. Moore had drawn their attention to the  
same subject, viz to refer the letter and recommend  
its consideration strongly to the Association. The  
New Zealand colonists in posse and in esse were  
much indebted to Mr. Moore for his energy in so  
important a question. Having referred to a petition  
<sup>to Parliament</sup>  
~~upon the table~~ which was left for signature by all  
interested in the subject of Steam communication  
with New Zealand, and having requested ~~members~~  
the colonists to sign it - Mr. Ross moved and Mr. C.  
Campbell seconded the following resolution

"That the Council be instructed to draw up  
a petition to both houses of Parliament urging upon  
them upon Her Majesty's Government the expediency of  
opening a steam-communication with the Australian  
Colonies & with New Zealand, and to obtain as far as  
possible the signature thereto of all the intending  
Canterbury Colonists. That Lord Lyttelton be requested