Mr. Dampier moved seconded by Mr. Puckle that the resignations be accepted; and that the warm thanks of the Society are due to ~~these gentlemen~~ Mr. Ward and Mr. Wortley for their attention to and conduct of the business of the Society both here and in England."

The Chairman then alluded to the question of the appoitnment of a paid clerk to fulfil the duties of Secretary, as recommended in the Quarterly Report. He was happy to state that he had secured the services of a well-qualified gentleman who wd. consent to undertake the office. The appointment of a Clerk to the Council at a salary of £25 a year was then agreed to on the motion of Mr. Dampier, secd. by Mr. Ward.

Mr. Bowen moved Mr. Dampier seconded the motion "That a subscription of 5/- be required from every member of the Society for the expenses already incurred and estimated for the next six months.

On the motion of Mr. Puckle seconded by Mr. Ward, the following minute was agreed to

"The Society being informed that the office of landing-waiter in the Customs Department is still unfilled, the duties being only temporarily discharged by Mr. Ballard, and being of opinion that these duties have been discharged with efficiency as well as with great attention and courtesy to the colonists

Resolve

(1) "That Mr. Ballard be respectfully recommended to His Excellency the Governor in Chief foF the permanent appointment to the situation which he now temporarily holds

(2) That a copy of this minute be communicated to Mr. Gouland the head of the Department in which Mr. Ballard is engaged.

The meeting then adjourned ~~to the 3rd. July.~~

V.G.Brittan.

Special General Meeting of the Society of Land Purchasers.
Christchurch 25 June 1851

(Mr. Brittan in the Chair).

The Chairman announced that there were strong reasons to fear that the settlement had sustained an irreparable loss, by the melancholy death of Mr. Ward. The feeling of condolence was general.

The Clerk read the President's letter of June 9th requesting him to call a special general meeting "to take into consideration