

required from every member of the Society for the expenses already incurred and estimated for the next six months.

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

"The Society being informed that the office of landing-master 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 & courtesy to the colonists

Resolved,

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

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

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

W. H. Ballance

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

(Mr. Britton 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 the cir-