



# NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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By His Excellency's Command,

ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
25th May, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government is pleased to notify for general information that he has received a Despatch from Sir George Grey, one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, stating that Her Majesty had approved of the appointments of the undermentioned gentlemen to seats in the Legislative Council of the General Assembly, and transmitting Warrants under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, authorising their being summoned to that Council accordingly.

The Honourable William Swainson, Esq.  
" William Henry Kenny, Esq.  
" Frederick Whitaker, Esq.  
" John Salmon, Esq.  
" Henry William Petre.  
" Henry St. Hill, Esq.  
" John Yeeden Lloyd, Esq.  
" Mathew Richmond, Esq.  
" Henry Seymour, Esq.  
" Ralph Richardson, Esq.  
" Edmund Hooke Wilson Bellairs,  
Esq.  
" John Anderson Gilfillan, Esq.  
" Francis Dillon Beli, Esq.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

## COLONIAL BANK OF ISSUE.

TOTAL Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Office of the Colonial Bank of Issue, at Auckland, on the 31st day of March, 1855, being the close of the preceding four weeks:—

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| £5 and upwards .. .. | £16,495 |
| Under £5 .. ..       | 20,669  |
| Total .. ..          | £37,164 |

Total amount of Coin held by the same office on the same day, viz:—

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Gold .. ..   | £11,578 |
| Silver .. .. | 586     |

Total .. .. £12,164

I, Alexander Shepherd, the Colonial Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true account as required by the Ordinance No. 16, Sess. 8.

A. SHEPHERD,  
Colonial Treasurer.

Dated at Auckland this  
17th day of May, 1855.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Store, situated at Mangawhare in the Port of Kaipara, the property of Mr. HASTINGS ATKINS, has been approved, under the 34th Section of the Customs Amendment Ordinance, 4th Vic. No. 3 for the reception of goods under Bond at that Port.

WILLIAM YOUNG,  
Collector

Custom House,  
Auckland, May 19th 1855.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
1st June, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the following Financial Returns should be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.



## EXPENDITURE during the Six Months ending 31st December, 1854.

| AUCKLAND.   |  | Current.   | Total.            |
|---|--|------------|-------------------|
|   |  | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.           |
| Governor .. .. .  |  | 625 0 0    |                   |
| Governor's Establishment .. .. .                                      |  | 738 1 8    |                   |
| Chief Justice .. .. .   |  | 500 0 0    |                   |
| Colonial Secretary's Department .. .. .                               |  | 834 2 6    |                   |
| Colonial Treasurer's Department .. .. .                               |  | 429 3 4    |                   |
| Attorney-General .. .. .  |  | 300 0 0    |                   |
| Auditor-General's Department .. .. .                                  |  | 347 14 11  |                   |
| Bank of Issue .. .. .   |  | 91 13 4    |                   |
| Customs, Auckland .. .. .   |  | 1,697 3 11 |                   |
| Drawbacks of Customs .. .. .  |  | 153 16 8   |                   |
| Repayments .. .. .  |  | 19 4 0     |                   |
| Customs, Mongonui .. .. .   |  | 56 0 0     |                   |
| " Hokianga .. .. .  |  | 88 5 0     |                   |
| " Russell .. .. .   |  | 91 15 0    |                   |
| " Kaipara .. .. .   |  | 145 7 0    |                   |
| " Kawhia .. .. .  |  | 94 14 0    |                   |
| Post-Office, Auckland .. .. .   |  | 555 3 7    |                   |
| " Hokianga .. .. .  |  | 0 1 6      |                   |
| " Russell .. .. .   |  | 24 7 2     |                   |
| Native Secretary's Department .. .. .                                 |  | 404 4 6    |                   |
| Registrar's Department .. .. .  |  | 168 6 8    |                   |
| Resident Magistrate's Department .. .. .                              |  | 506 15 4   |                   |
| Aborigines .. .. .  |  | 190 14 0   |                   |
| Educational purposes .. .. .  |  | 2,775 0 0  |                   |
| Pension, Tamati Walker .. .. .  |  | 50 0 0     |                   |
| Gratuities to Natives under Walker Nene's Annuity Ordinance .. .. .   |  | 95 0 0     |                   |
| Gold Fields .. .. .   |  | 4 5 0      |                   |
| General Assembly—Legislative Council .. .. .                          |  | 127 18 0   |                   |
| " House of Representatives .. .. .                                    |  | 611 4 3    |                   |
| " Printing and Contingencies .. .. .                                  |  | 3,815 16 3 |                   |
| " Building and Furniture .. .. .                                      |  | 1,612 9 2  |                   |
| Government Domain .. .. .   |  | 127 5 10   |                   |
| Printing and Stationery .. .. .                                       |  | 571 18 7   |                   |
| Firewood .. .. .  |  | 99 11 6    |                   |
| Government Brig .. .. .   |  | 159 3 10   |                   |
| Postage .. .. .   |  | 67 10 10   |                   |
| Foreign Postage .. .. .   |  | 125 12 10  |                   |
| Interest on Debentures .. .. .  |  | 887 10 0   |                   |
| Pensions .. .. .  |  | 25 15 8    |                   |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .   |  | 520 0 1    |                   |
| Hospital and medical attendance on Natives .. .. .                    |  | 142 11 11  |                   |
| New Zealand Fencibles .. .. .   |  | 294 3 5    |                   |
| New Zealand Company's Fourth .. .. .                                  |  | 10,188 6 6 |                   |
| Land Purchase Department .. .. .                                      |  | 392 10 6   |                   |
| Presents to Natives on account of Land Purchases .. .. .              |  | 385 15 10  |                   |
| Land Purchases .. .. .  |  | 200 0 0    |                   |
| Marine Survey, and gratuities to officers and crew of Pandora .. .. . |  | 516 14 9   |                   |
| Refunds of Purchase-money of Lands .. .. .                            |  | 1,457 11 6 |                   |
| Land Department and Surveys .. .. .                                   |  | 3,072 5 0  |                   |
| Province of Auckland .. .. .  |  | 22023 9 11 |                   |
| <b>Total Auckland Expenditure .. .. .</b>                             |  |            | <b>58,911 5 3</b> |
| <b>NEW PLYMOUTH.</b>  |  |            |                   |
| Resident Magistrate's Department .. .. .                              |  | 161 3 2    |                   |
| Native Assessors .. .. .  |  | 197 7 2    |                   |
| Native Police .. .. .   |  | 206 10 0   |                   |
| Customs .. .. .   |  | 202 13 10  |                   |
| Post Office .. .. .   |  | 59 8 10    |                   |
| Hospital .. .. .  |  | 137 5 8    |                   |
| Educational Purposes .. .. .  |  | 113 0 0    |                   |
| Grey's Institution .. .. .  |  | 16 3 0     |                   |
| Interest on Debentures .. .. .  |  | 40 0 7     |                   |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .   |  | 47 0 10    |                   |
| Land Purchases, Presents to Natives .. .. .                           |  | 69 8 2     |                   |
| Land and Surveys .. .. .  |  | 764 8 9    |                   |
| Province of New Plymouth .. .. .                                      |  | 1,675 6 0  |                   |
| <b>Total New Plymouth Expenditure .. .. .</b>                         |  |            | <b>3,689 16 0</b> |

## RECEIPTS for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1854.—Continued.

| WELLINGTON.                                   |    |    |    | Current. |    |    | Total.              |  |  |
|---|----|----|----|----------|----|----|---------------------|--|--|
|   |    |    |    | £        | s. | d. | £ s. d.             |  |  |
| Customs, Wellington                           | .. | .. | .. | 15,566   | 6  | 7  |                     |  |  |
| “ Whanganui                                   | .. | .. | .. | 357      | 9  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Crown's share of Seizures                     | .. | .. | .. | 7        | 5  | 9  |                     |  |  |
| Fees and Fines Supreme Court                  | .. | .. | .. | 270      | 6  | 10 |                     |  |  |
| Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages | .. | .. | .. | 27       | 13 | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Maintenance of Hospital Patients, Whanganui   | .. | .. | .. | 5        | 4  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Incidents                                     | .. | .. | .. | 14       | 11 | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Post Office, Wellington                       | .. | .. | .. | 285      | 14 | 10 |                     |  |  |
| “ “ Whanganui                                 | .. | .. | .. | 21       | 1  | 2  |                     |  |  |
| Land Sales                                    | .. | .. | .. | 6755     | 5  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Fees on Crown Grants                          | .. | .. | .. | 68       | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| <b>Total Wellington Receipts</b>              |    |    |    |          |    |    | <b>23,398 17 2</b>  |  |  |
| NELSON.                                       |    |    |    |          |    |    |                     |  |  |
| Customs,                                      | .. | .. | .. | 5,229    | 1  | 8  |                     |  |  |
| Fees Supreme Court                            | .. | .. | .. | 5        | 5  | 8  |                     |  |  |
| Post Office Collections                       | .. | .. | .. | 31       | 17 | 5  |                     |  |  |
| Proceeds of Land Sales                        | .. | .. | .. | 10,776   | 10 | 9  |                     |  |  |
| Fees on Crown Grants                          | .. | .. | .. | 213      | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Timber Licenses                               | .. | .. | .. | 2        | 10 | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Assessment on Stock                           | .. | .. | .. | 173      | 11 | 4  |                     |  |  |
| Depasturing Licenses                          | .. | .. | .. | 105      | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Assisted Passages                             | .. | .. | .. | 54       | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| <b>Total Nelson Receipts</b>                  |    |    |    |          |    |    | <b>16,589 16 10</b> |  |  |
| CANTERBURY.                                   |    |    |    |          |    |    |                     |  |  |
| Customs, Lyttelton                            | .. | .. | .. | 3,737    | 18 | 7  |                     |  |  |
| “ Akaroa                                      | .. | .. | .. | 193      | 7  | 3  |                     |  |  |
| Crown's Share of Seizures                     | .. | .. | .. | 75       | 1  | 7  |                     |  |  |
| Post Office Receipts                          | .. | .. | .. | 118      | 8  | 4  |                     |  |  |
| “ “ “ in aid from Provincial Treasury         | .. | .. | .. | 17       | 0  | 9  |                     |  |  |
| Surcharges                                    | .. | .. | .. | 7        | 14 | 5  |                     |  |  |
| * Proceeds of Land Sales                      | .. | .. | .. | 1,900    | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Timber Licenses                               | .. | .. | .. | 10       | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Pasturage                                     | .. | .. | .. | 2,187    | 0  | 10 |                     |  |  |
| Assessment on Stock                           | .. | .. | .. | 140      | 7  | 9  |                     |  |  |
| Fees on Crown Grants                          | .. | .. | .. | 6        | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| Incidents                                     | .. | .. | .. | 15       | 0  | 0  |                     |  |  |
| <b>Total Canterbury Receipts</b>              |    |    |    |          |    |    | <b>8,407 17 6</b>   |  |  |

\* Land Deposits exceeding £30,000 although distributed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Canterbury, have not yet been brought to account as Revenue in the Land Fund account. These receipts will probably be shown as Revenue in the accounts for the Quarter ending 30th June next.

## EXPENDITURE for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1854.—Continued.

| WELLINGTON.                     |         | Current.   | Total.       |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------|
|                                 |         | £ s. d.    | £ s. d.      |
| Supreme Court                   | .. .. . | 976 18 8   |              |
| Resident Magistrate Hawks' Bay  | .. .. . | 50 0 0     |              |
| " Whanganui                     | .. .. . | 162 3 2    |              |
| Bank of Issue                   | .. .. . | 208 6 8    |              |
| Customs, Wellington             | .. .. . | 1,134 12 6 |              |
| Drawbacks of Customs            | .. .. . | 29 0 10    |              |
| Customs Whanganui               | .. .. . | 36 6 7     |              |
| Postmaster General              | .. .. . | 245 18 4   |              |
| Post Office, Wellington         | .. .. . | 127 11 8   |              |
| " Whanganui                     | .. .. . | 19 1 9     |              |
| Hospital, Wellington            | .. .. . | 263 6 9    |              |
| " Whanganui                     | .. .. . | 225 19 2   |              |
| Aborigines                      | .. .. . | 61 18 6    |              |
| Educational Purposes            | .. .. . | 1,050 0 0  |              |
| Government Brig                 | .. .. . | 8 17 6     |              |
| Steamer Nelson                  | .. .. . | 375 0 0    |              |
| General Assembly                | .. .. . | 218 0 0    |              |
| Printing and Stationery         | .. .. . | 15 16 6    |              |
| Interest on Debentures          | .. .. . | 289 14 1   |              |
| Purchase of Barracks at Porirua | .. .. . | 250 0 0    |              |
| Government Domain               | .. .. . | 67 9 9     |              |
| Miscellaneous                   | .. .. . | 34 8 4     |              |
| Pensions                        | .. .. . | 35 0 0     |              |
| Land Purchase Department        | .. .. . | 106 0 0    |              |
| Land and Surveys                | .. .. . | 1,664 11 6 |              |
| Provincial Treasurer            | .. .. . | 11,104 7 6 |              |
| Total Wellington Expenditure    |         |            | 19,909 8 9   |
| NELSON.                         |         |            |              |
| Customs                         | .. .. . | 579 13 0½  |              |
| Drawbacks of Customs            | .. .. . | 34 16 0    |              |
| Post Office                     | .. .. . | 49 0 9     |              |
| Printing                        | .. .. . | 5 0 0      |              |
| New Zealand Company's Fourth    | .. .. . | 3,335 12 2 |              |
| General Assembly                | .. .. . | 37 10 0    |              |
| Land and Survey Department      | .. .. . | 1,271 6 2  |              |
| Provincial Treasurer            | .. .. . | 6,991 10 7 |              |
| Total Nelson Expenditure        |         |            | 13,714 14 8½ |
| CANTERBURY.                     |         |            |              |
| Customs, Canterbury             | .. .. . | 397 6 6    |              |
| " Akaroa                        | .. .. . | 104 1 10   |              |
| Refunds of Customs              | .. .. . | 5 5 9      |              |
| Post Office                     | .. .. . | 170 2 10   |              |
| Supreme Court                   | .. .. . | 25 15 0    |              |
| General Assembly                | .. .. . | 2 2 0      |              |
| Steamer Nelson                  | .. .. . | 375 0 0    |              |
| Miscellaneous                   | .. .. . | 46 16 10   |              |
| Land and Surveys                | .. .. . | 2,140 13 6 |              |
| Provincial Treasurer            | .. .. . | 24,953 3 6 |              |
| Total Canterbury Expenditure    |         |            | 28,220 7 9   |

## RECEIPTS for the Six Months ending 31st September, 1854.—Continued.

| OTAGO.                         |     |    |     |    | Current. | Total.    |
|--------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|----------|-----------|
|                                |     |    |     |    | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.   |
| Customs Receipts               | ... | .. | ... | .. | 3,917    | 19 11     |
| Post Office                    | ... | .. | ... | .. | 43       | 4 3       |
| Incidents                      | ... | .. | ... | .. | 1        | 19 6      |
| Crown Lands, Proceeds of Sales | ... | .. | ... | .. | 392      | 10 0      |
| Fees and Depasturing Licenses  | ... | .. | ... | .. | 524      | 18 2      |
| Fees on Crown Grants           | ... | .. | ... | .. | 29       | 10 0      |
| Total Otago Receipts           |     |    |     |    |          | 4910 1 10 |

AGENT GENERAL  
(FOR 3 MONTHS)

## RECEIPTS.

Dividends on 3 per cents. consols .. .. . 438 4 11

| RECAPITULATION. |    |    |    |    |        |             |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|--------|-------------|
| Auckland        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 49,823 | 4 8         |
| New Plymouth    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5,295  | 2 0         |
| Wellington      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 23,398 | 17 2        |
| Nelson          | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16,589 | 16 10       |
| Canterbury      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8,407  | 17 6        |
| Otago           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4,910  | 1 10        |
| Agent General   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 438    | 4 11        |
| Total Receipts  |    |    |    |    |        | 98,863 4 11 |

May 23rd, 1855.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
31st May, 1855.

**H**IS Excellency the Officer administering the Government has directed that the following Circular, addressed to the members of the General Assembly in the Southern Provinces, and the accompanying Despatch from the Secretary of State, should be published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

(CIRCULAR.)

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
25th May, 1855.

**S**IR.—By command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Carkeek, the Collector of Customs at Wellington, has been instructed to make arrangements for the conveyance of yourself and other Members of the General Assembly from the Southern Provinces to Auckland, for the approaching Session on the 5th of July next.

Some uncertainty exists as to the means of conveyance that may be available for that purpose in consequence of the proprietors of the "Nelson," steamer, having declined to renew the contract for continuing Steam Communication between the several Provinces of the Colony, and should the Collector of Customs at Wellington fail to procure the required means of conveyance in due

time, or should any other obstacle arise to prevent Members of the General Assembly reaching Auckland at the time appointed, I have to inform you that His Excellency will be prepared to prorogue the Assembly for such time as may be sufficient to enable the distant Members to be present at the opening of the Session. Mr. Carkeek has been directed to inform you of the arrangements alluded to so soon as they are completed.

As His Excellency conceives that it may be convenient to members to be informed of the course which His Excellency proposes to pursue on the opening of the Assembly, I have the honor to state that it is His Excellency's wish that Responsible Government should be established at the earliest convenient time, and, with that view, he will cause to be laid before the Assembly a Bill of the nature required by the despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject, dated 8th December, 1854, a copy of which is annexed. The only other business, as it appears to His Excellency, that it will be requisite for the Assembly at once to deal with, will be to make temporary provision (probably by the renewal of the present appropriations for a limited period) for the Public Service till a Responsible Ministry shall have had time to take upon themselves the Government of the country, and be enabled to meet the Assembly after sufficient time shall have been afforded for the requisite preparation. Having disposed of these measures, it is not his Excellency's present intention to propose any other; and, in order to afford the electors an opportunity of choosing members, with a view to the new form of Government, His Excellency is of opinion

## EXPENDITURE for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1854.—Continued.

| OTAGO.                           |    |    |    |    | Current. | Total.      |
|----------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----------|-------------|
|                                  |    |    |    |    | £ s. d.  | £ s. d.     |
| Customs                          | .. | .. | .. | .. | 264      | 8 0         |
| Post Office                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 78       | 11 1        |
| Resident Magistrate's Department | .. | .. | .. | .. | 126      | 10 3        |
| Government Brig                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13       | 6 8         |
| Interest on Debentures           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72       | 10 8        |
| Land Department                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 491      | 9 9         |
| Land Purchases                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 632      | 13 7½       |
| Provincial Treasurer             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,267    | 16 10       |
| Total Otago Expenditure          |    |    |    |    |          | 3,947 6 10½ |

IN ENGLAND.  
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1854.)

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                     |    |    |    |    |     |            |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|------------|
| Private Secretary's Half-Salary     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 50  | 0 0        |
| Miscellaneous                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5   | 5 11       |
| Stationery                          | .. | .. | .. | .. | 314 | 15 7       |
| Survey Instruments                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 132 | 12 0       |
| 3 per cent Consols.                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 204 | 4 4        |
| Postage Stamps Printing Press, etc. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 522 | 3 0        |
| Charges on Bank Remittances         | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0   | 2 6        |
|                                     |    |    |    |    |     | 1,229 0 10 |
|                                     |    |    |    |    |     | 0 2 6      |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                   |    |    |    |    |        |             |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|-------------|
| Auckland          | .. | .. | .. | .. | 58,911 | 5 3         |
| New Plymouth      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,689  | 16 0        |
| Wellington        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19,909 | 8 9         |
| Nelson            | .. | .. | .. | .. | 13,714 | 14 8½       |
| Canterbury        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28,220 | 7 9         |
| Otago             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,947  | 6 10½       |
| Agent General     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,229  | 3 4         |
| Total Expenditure |    |    |    |    |        | 129,622 2 8 |

CHARLES KNIGHT, Auditor-General.

that the dissolution of the Assembly ought to take place immediately afterwards. Should this, however, on further consideration not be deemed advisable, it still appears to His Excellency indispensable that the Assembly should be prorogued for some months, in order that the Responsible Ministry may be afforded sufficient time to make themselves acquainted with the affairs of the Colony, and to prepare such measures as they may deem necessary to propose to the Assembly.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

No. 39.

Downing-street,  
8th December, 1854.

SIR,—

I have to acknowledge your despatches of the numbers and dates specified in the margin, reporting the proceedings which have taken place in the General Assembly of New Zealand on the subject of the future Executive Government of the Colony.

As regards the most important portion of that subject, I have taken the earliest opportunity of informing you that her Majesty's Government have no objection whatever to offer to the establishment of the system known as "Responsible Government," in New Zealand. They have no reason to doubt that it will prove the best adapted for developing the interests, as well as satisfying the wishes, of the community. Nor have they any desire to propose terms, or to lay down re-

strictions, on your assent to the measures which may be necessary for that object, except that of which the necessity appears to be fully recognised by the General Assembly, namely the making provision for certain officers who have accepted their offices on the equitable understanding of their permanence, and who may now be liable to removal. The only officers mentioned in your despatches as likely to fall within this category are the Colonial Secretary and Treasurer, and the Attorney-General: nor am I myself aware of any others; but I do not wish to fetter your discretion, if farther consideration makes it in your opinion desirable to alter the list.

Should the arrangements made for this purpose be in your judgment satisfactory, you are authorised to admit at once the new holders of office under the responsible system, reporting their names for confirmation in the usual manner. There will be no occasion on this supposition, for a further reference to the home Government before the change is carried into effect.

But if the arrangements proposed should not meet with your approval, which I trust will not be the case, the appeal to the Home Government for ultimate decision will be unavoidable.

The preliminary steps for the introduction of Responsible Government being thus few and plain I do not understand the opinion which some portions of this correspondence appear to convey, and which is supported by the language of your address of August, 1854, that legislative enactment by the General Assembly is required to bring the change into operation. In this country the recognised plan of Parliamentary government, by which ministers are responsible to Parliament.

and their continuance in office practically depends on the votes of the two Houses, rests on no written law, but on usage only. In carrying similar systems into effect in the North American Colonies, legislation has indeed been necessary to make a binding arrangement for the surrender by the Crown of the territorial revenue, which has generally formed part of the scheme, and for the establishment of a civil list; but not for any other purpose. In New Zealand the territorial revenue has already been ceded to the Assembly, and Her Majesty's Government have no terms to propose with reference to the Civil List already established. Unless, therefore, there are local laws in existence which would be repugnant to the new system, legislation seems uncalled for except for the very simple purpose of securing their pensions to retiring officers. And if uncalled for, such legislation is objectionable: because the laws so enacted would probably stand in the way of the various partial changes which it might be necessary to adopt in the details of a system in its nature liable to much modification.

The shortness of the time at my command, as I am anxious to answer your despatches by the present mail, prevents me from entering on the details of the narrative contained in your despatches: nor indeed does there appear any necessity for my doing so. I am satisfied that you acted to the best of your judgment under the circumstances in which you were placed; and it gives me much pleasure to find that the ultimate result of the deliberations of the General Assembly has been the adoption of the ordinary and most satisfactory course, namely, that of referring the question of Responsible Government to Her Majesty's Ministers for complete adjustment, instead of putting it partially in practice, and leaving some important questions bearing on it undecided.

There are passages in your Address already referred to, of the 31st of August, to the General Assembly after its prorogation to which I feel it my duty shortly to advert.

Your appeal in that address to have especially called the attention of the Assembly to the expediency of legislation on a subject, upon which they could not by the Constitution legislate at all. I refer to the proposal for rendering the Legislative Council elective. It is also extremely doubtful whether the proposed measure for authorising the Superintendents to dissolve Provincial Councils, a function reserved by Sec. 13 of the Constitutional Act to the Governor, is within the power of the General Assembly. So too the constituting Auckland as a separate Government under a Lieutenant Governor, and with exclusive powers of legislation, if I rightly un-

derstand what is meant by the proposal, is also a measure which it would be beyond the power of that body to carry into execution. You appear also to propose the foundation of a new federal Convention (apart from the General Assembly) which would be an innovation irreconcilable with the existing fundamental law.

I do not now enter on the question of the expediency of these several schemes, but I am anxious to call your attention to the inconvenience of inviting the Legislature to originate measures to which the Crown could not assent, as such assent would be invalid.

The views of Her Majesty's Government on these points will be communicated to the Governor who will I hope shortly proceed to New Zealand, but as you have yourself conducted the proceedings reported in your present Despatches, and I am very desirous to avoid unnecessary delay, I have no hesitation in authorising you to act in person on my present instructions.

I have, &c., &c.

G. GREY.

The Officer Administering  
the Government,  
of New Zealand.

#### COLONIAL BANK OF ISSUE.

TOTAL Amount of Notes in circulation at the Office of the Colonial Bank of Issue, at Auckland, on the 26th day of May, 1855, being the close of the preceding four weeks:—

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| £5 and upwards ..... | £6,565 |
| Under £5 .....       | 4,197  |

Total .....

Total Amount of Coin held by the same office on the same day:—

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Gold .....   | £4,098 |
| Silver ..... | 24     |

Total .....

I, Alexander Shepherd, the Colonial Treasurer, do hereby certify that the above is a true account, as required by the Ordinance No. 16, Session 8.

A. SHEPHERD,  
Colonial Treasurer.

Dated at Auckland this  
27th day of May, 1855.

The sum of six thousand pounds (£6000) sterling has been remitted to England through the Commissariat Department for investment in the Public Funds of Great Britain.