

twelve hundred and fifty pounds (£1250) in repayment of a corresponding amount advanced from the Colonial Treasury to the Superintendent of the Province of Wellington in March last, on account of interest on the Provincial debt, may I request to be made acquainted with the reason that the amount now to be stopped from the Provincial Land Revenue should have been paid in March to the Superintendent of Wellington, as from the fact of the receiver of land revenue having in January last only received instructions to pay the first instalment of £1250 in accordance with a Resolution passed by the House of Representatives, and which amount, I presume, was for interest accrued to December last, I concluded that the receiver of land revenue would not have received the instructions he now has, until, at least, June next, to which period I further presumed the payment advanced for interest would have accrued.

I beg to remark that the Provincial Government did not anticipate the demand for the second instalment for interest on the Provincial debt would have so soon followed upon the first payment without being first advised of the circumstance to prepare the Government to meet it.

I have, &c.,

The Hon, the Colonial Secretary,
Auckland.

J. LAMBTON CARTER,
Superintendent.

No. 13.

MR. FOX TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HAWKE'S BAY.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, 22nd May, 1862.

SIR,—

In reply to your Honor's letter of the 9th instant, requesting that you may be informed why it is that "the amount, £1250, now to be stopped from the Provincial Land Revenue should have been paid in March to the Superintendent of Wellington as from the fact of the receiver of land revenue having in January last only received instructions to pay the first instalment," you concluded that you would not have to make a further payment until, at least June next; I beg to state that the half-yearly interest on the permanent loan of the Province of Wellington is due in London on the 1st days of January and July in each year: that His Honor the Superintendent of Wellington has to remit the respective amounts by the mails leaving Wellington in the early part of April and October; and that, consequently, the Hawke's Bay contribution should be in the Wellington Treasury prior to those dates. A delay of three months took place in making the demand upon the Province of Hawke's Bay for the amount payable in the month of October, owing to the Colonial Treasurer not having been advised of the payment to the Wellington Treasury before January, 1862.

Greater punctuality has been observed in reference to the amount payable in April last, which accounts for the short time that has elapsed between the two periods at which these demands upon Hawke's Bay have been made.

I have, &c.,

His Honor the Superintendent,
Napier.

WILLIAM FOX.

No. 14.

RATIO FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTEREST ON DEBT OF ORIGINAL PROVINCE OF WELLINGTON IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULE LAID DOWN IN SECTION XV. OF THE "NEW PROVINCES ACT, 1858."

To 30TH JUNE, 1859.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
WELLINGTON—											
Ordinary Revenue, 30th June, 1859	...	...	...	...	...	20,664	3	9			
Land Revenue, " "	...	...	...	...	...	19,631	1	5			
									40,295	5	2
HAWKES' BAY—											
Ordinary Revenue, 30th June, 1859	...	...	...	...	...	1,442	7	0			
Land Revenue, " "	...	...	...	...	...	12,626	2	3			
									14,068	9	3
									£54,363	14	5
To 30TH JUNE, 1860.											
WELLINGTON—											
Ordinary Revenue, 30th June, 1860	...	...	...	...	...	17,656	3	1			
Land Revenue, " "	...	...	...	...	...	10,543	15	7			
									28,199	18	8
HAWKES' BAY—											
Ordinary Revenue, 30th June, 1860	...	...	...	...	...	3,721	7	4			
Land Revenue, " "	...	...	...	...	...	33,974	6	2			
									37,695	13	6
									65,895	12	2

Treasury, Auckland,
15th August, 1861.

R. F. PORTER,
Assistant Treasurer.