

publications, all of which should have a price printed upon them. Accounts of all such transactions should be kept. The Storekeeper should supply Stationery at regulated periods, say half-yearly or quarterly, on requisitions approved by Heads of Departments; and issue forms and printed documents of all kinds.

The system of selling publications by means of local agents, to whom they are now supplied on credit, should be discontinued, and publishers and others requiring documents published by the Government should procure them from the Government Printer by cash payment.

We think that the number of free issues of Parliamentary Papers should be limited to Members of Parliament, the Public Reading Rooms, and exchanges with other Colonies, and for Newspapers. We also suggest that the free list of the *Gazette* issue should be restricted to heads of Government Offices for record, to Judicial Courts, Benches of Magistrates, Members of Parliament, Police Stations, and to exchanges with the Provinces, other Colonies, and for Newspapers.

About £2000 worth of paper is used annually for the issues of the *Gazettes*, Parliamentary Papers, Acts, &c. The reduction in the *Gazette* free list, and a limitation of the free issue of Parliamentary Papers, in addition to the operation of the proposed system of sale would reduce this expense by one half.

PUBLIC DOMAINS.

Wellington.

The Overseer, at £200 per annum, is in charge of the Lowry Bay Estate, and the lands around the Government House and buildings and official residences. He also sees to repairs of furniture, drainage, chimneys, and to the planting of trees, &c. If a Clerk of Works be appointed this office will not be necessary.

The following Gardeners and men are also employed:—Gardener at Government House, £90 per annum, with a house; an occasional Gardener, at 7s. per day; and a Labourer, at 6s. At Lowry Bay, a Gardener, at £120, with a house; and an Assistant, at 4s. per day.

Auckland.

A man in charge is employed with his wife as Housekeeper, at £120 and quarters, and a Gardener and Assistant, at £182 12s. together.

SUPREME COURT.

In this branch of the Service the following Officers are employed:—

Clerks to Judges, two at £150, one at £200.	Deputy Sheriff, (fees.)
Auckland—	Canterbury—
Registrar, £500.	Registrar, £500.
Sheriff, £600.	Sheriff, £600.
Deputy Registrar, £225.	Deputy Registrar, £250.
Clerk, £150.	Clerk, £200.
Messenger, £100.	Do., £125.
New Plymouth—	Crier, £125.
Registrar, £100.	Hokitika—
Sheriff (also Resident Magistrate.)	Registrar, £400.
Crier, £5.	Sheriff (fees.)
Napier—	Extra Clerk, (8s. per diem.)
Deputy Registrar, £75.	Otago—
Sheriff, £50.	Registrar, £500.
Wellington—	Sheriff, £200.
Registrar, £500.	Deputy Registrar, £300.
Sheriff, £100.	Clerk, £250.
Deputy Registrar and Clerk, £200.	Do., £200.
Clerk, £150.	Usher, £150.
Crier and Messenger, £120.	Southland—
Nelson—	Deputy Registrar, £50.
Registrar, £100.	Sheriff, (fees.)
Sheriff, (fees.)	Messenger, £20.

Wellington.

The Staff consists of—

- Registrar, £500.
- Two Clerks, £200 and £150.
- Crier and Messenger, £120.

The Registrar attends the Court when sitting, records all proceedings, issues writs, records and seals summonses, taxes costs. Separate books of record are kept for civil and criminal business, and are signed by the presiding Judge.

All fees are accounted for to the Treasury averaging £145 per quarter. Registrar is under bond, himself for £1000, and two others each for £500. Credit is now given to solicitors for fees.

A clerk, £200, is also Deputy Registrar, and, with the other clerk, £150, is engaged in recording and entering. Records show 200 cases of summary procedure, from October 1862, to July, 1866. Clerks keep bankruptcy, writ, bill of sale, liens on wool and stock, and indictment record books, make statistical returns out for transmission to the Colonial Secretary.