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Government.

Witness withdrew, and the Committee deliberated.  
*Ordered*, That Mr. Bridges be summoned to attend again to-morrow.  
The Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at 11.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 1875.

Members Present:

The Hon. E. W. Stafford in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,  
Sir F. D. Bell,  
Mr. Curtis,  
Hon. W. Fitzherbert,

Mr. W. W. Johnston,  
Mr. Pearce,  
Mr. J. Shephard.

Mr. Bridges, Director and Acting General Manager of the National Bank of New Zealand, was called in, and his examination continued.

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Witness withdrew, and Committee deliberated.  
*Ordered*, That Mr. Bridges attend on Monday.  
The Committee adjourned until Monday, at 11.30 a.m.

MONDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 1875.

Members Present:

Hon. E. W. Stafford in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,  
Sir F. D. Bell,  
Mr. Curtis,  
Hon. W. Fitzherbert,

Mr. W. W. Johnston,  
Mr. Pearce,  
Mr. J. Shephard.

Mr. Bridges, Director and Acting General Manager of the National Bank of New Zealand, was called in and examined.

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Witness handed in a memorandum in reference to Mr. C. T. Batkin's statement produced at meeting 4th October, which was placed in the Appendix to evidence taken *re* Banking arrangements No. 12.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. E. Richardson, and Mr. Macandrew, M.H.R., and Mr. E. W. Morrah, Inspector of the Bank of Australasia, be summoned to attend the next meeting.  
The Committee adjourned until to-morrow.

TUESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1875

Members Present:

Hon. E. W. Stafford in the Chair.

Hon. Major Atkinson,  
Sir F. D. Bell,  
Mr. Curtis,

Mr. W. W. Johnston,  
Mr. Pearce,  
Mr. J. Shephard.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A memorandum of this day's date, from Mr. C. T. Batkin, Secretary to the Treasury, was handed in and placed in the Appendix to evidence taken *re* Banking arrangements, No. 13.

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The Hon. E. Richardson, Minister for Public Works, and Mr. Macandrew, M.H.R., attended the Committee, and having given evidence on the matter under the consideration of the Committee, withdrew.

Mr. E. W. Morrah, Inspector of the Bank of Australasia, was called in, and permission given to him to prepare a statement to supplement the evidence he had previously given.

Witness withdrew, and Committee deliberated.

The following resolutions were then put, at the request of the Hon. Mr. Fitzherbert, who was unable to attend:—

That, in the opinion of this Committee, notice should be forthwith given to determine the present agreement with the Bank of New Zealand.

Put and carried.

That tender be invited from the several Banks carrying on business within the colony for conducting the Government account of the colony.

Amendment proposed by the Hon. E. W. Stafford:—

That tenders should be invited from the several Banks—not associated, but separately carrying on business within the colony, for conducting the Government account of the colony.

Amendment put Committee divided.

*Ayes.*  
Sir F. D. Bell,  
Mr. W. W. Johnston,  
Mr. J. Shephard,  
Mr. Pearce,

*Noes.*  
Hon. Major Atkinson,  
Mr. Curtis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the draft report.  
The Committee adjourned until to-morrow, at 11.30 a.m.