

1880.
NEW ZEALAND.

LIABILITIES OF THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

(STATEMENT OF, BY THE AUDIT OFFICE).

Laid on the Table in terms of "The Public Revenues Act, 1879," Section 2.

MEMORANDUM BY MR. FITZGERALD.

8th June, 1880.

In laying these accounts before Parliament in accordance with the second section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1879," the Controller and Auditor-General begs respectively to submit that they involve a doubt as to what is meant by liabilities under that Act. The Crown is not liable for payment of any public money which has not been voted by Parliament. But it appears by comparison of these liabilities as stated by the departments, and the unexpended balances of votes as stated by the Appropriations Account, passed by the Audit in accordance with the sixty-seventh section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," that the former in several cases exceed the latter—especially in the Native Land Purchase Department: whilst the Appropriation Account states the unexpended balance of the moneys appropriated to be only £104,416 11s. 2d., the liabilities stated by the department amount to no less than £1,061,486 9s. 2d.

The Hon. the Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD,
Controller and Auditor-General.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES of the several Government Departments, laid before Parliament by the Audit Office in terms of "The Public Revenues Act, 1879," Section 2.

Colonial Secretary. Colonial Treasurer. Commissioner of Land-Tax. Minister of Justice. Postmaster-General. Commissioner of Telegraphs. Commissioner of Customs. Marine Department. Stamp Department. Education Department. Native Minister's Department. Crown Lands Department. Survey Department.	Mines Department. Railways Department. Colonial Architect's Department. Inspection of Machinery. Provincial Liabilities, Public Works Department. Minister of Defence. Immigration Department. Minister for Public Works Department. Ditto, Colonial Architect's Branch. Land Purchase Department. Colonial Secretary, Vote 107, Public Works Department.
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STATEMENT of all LIABILITIES in respect of the Services of the several Government Departments outstanding at the close of the Financial Period ended 31st March, 1880, prepared in terms of Section 2 of "The Public Revenues Act, 1879."

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. of Class.	No. of Vote.	Particulars of Service.	Amount.
I.—Legislative	5	Contingencies	£ s. d. 20 0 0
Electoral	6	"	200 0 0
Audit	7	"	7 14 0
Registrar-General	8	"	1,700 0 0
Geological	9	"	170 0 0
Charitable	12	"	5,000 0 0
Lunatic Asylums	13	"	3,200 0 0
Printing	14	"	150 0 0
Miscellaneous	15	"	2,550 0 0
			£12,997 14 0