

It is absolutely necessary that Dr. Pollen shall have some assistance in preparing and making the payments to pensioners, and I have appointed Colonel Haultain for the purpose, he to draw £250 a year out of the Imperial allowance.

I propose that payment from that allowance shall in each case commence from 1st February next, Dr. Pollen's salary from Treasury to cease at same date. The payments by the Imperial Government will, of course, only be made quarterly, but I presume the Treasury will have no difficulty in making advances on account, so as to adjust the payments satisfactorily, and to allow Dr. Pollen and Colonel Haultain to receive monthly the amount stated. I think it is right that Colonel Haultain's salary should commence on 1st January, because there are some arrangements in connection with the payments to pensioners which it is desirable he should make whilst the Deputy Commissary General remains in the colony.

I have arranged to dispense altogether with Mr. Ward's services, allowing him to have four months' leave of absence (say until 30th April), and he then taking the pension to which he may be entitled in accordance with his period of service.

The other officer drawing salary from the Treasury, Mr. Boardman, receives £50 a year. Dr. Pollen has very heavy duties to perform, and Mr. Boardman's duties will, consequent on the arrangement with Mr. Ward, be increased rather than decreased. I propose, therefore, not to reduce Mr. Boardman's salary, but to allow him to draw £50 from the Treasury as assistant to Dr. Pollen, the remainder of his salary being paid as at present.

Mr. J. Macfarlane I have arranged to appoint Curator of Intestate Estates for the province. He is to resign his connection with the Insurance and Annuities Department.

The result of the changes now made will be to dispense altogether with the services of Mr. Ward, and to save departmental salaries now paid out of the Treasury amounting to £575.

Colonel Haultain's duties will be special: his salary cannot be considered a departmental charge, and I am of opinion it is absolutely necessary there should be some one to assist Dr. Pollen in the duties connected with the payment of pensions, which, I am given to understand, will be very troublesome. I propose that Dr. Pollen shall prepare in Auckland the necessary forms for the payment of all the pensioners in the colony, and that he shall also have general charge of the whole matter.

There will be left of the amount to be allowed by the Imperial Government a balance of about £100 a year. This might, if found necessary, be applied wholly or in part to making allowances to officers in other parts of the colony where many pensioners reside; but it must be borne in mind that the sum receivable from the Imperial Government will decrease greatly, consequent upon the death or removal of pensioners.

Auckland, 5th January, 1872.

JULIUS VOGEL.

No. 42.

The Hon. D. POLLEN to the Hon. the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,—

Wellington, 6th July, 1876.

With reference to the annexed statement, I have the honor to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to grant to me a retiring allowance under "The Civil Service Amendment Act, 1861," as from the 25th November, 1873, at which time I had completed seventeen years of service.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

DANIEL POLLEN.

STATEMENT to accompany Application for a Superannuation or Retiring Allowance.

Name in full, and Offices held by Applicant during three years previous to date of Application, or (under sections 33, 35 of "The Civil Service Act, 1866,") during two years previous to said date.—Daniel Pollen: Government Agent, Auckland; Sub-Treasurer for purpose of Native Lands Act; Paymaster, Imperial Pensions; Receiver of Land Revenue; Commissioner, Confiscated Lands; Trust Commissioner, Native Lands Frauds Prevention Act.

Length of Service on Establishment of General Government, or under any Provincial Government, giving date of first Appointment.—Treasurer, Waste Lands Board, and Receiver of Land Revenue; 25th November, 1856.

Total Amount of Salary drawn by Applicant during last three years of service, or two years if retiring under section 33 or 35 of "The Civil Service Act, 1866."—£2,475.

Total Amount of Fees drawn as Salary by Applicant during last three years of service; or two years, if retiring under section 33 or 35 of "The Civil Service Act, 1866."—None.

Whether Absent (on leave or otherwise) for any and what period exceeding six weeks in every year of service.—Never absent from duty on leave for any period in any year.

Has the Department ever been transferred to or from the Provincial Government.—

Age at Date of Application.—Sixty-four years.

Remarks.—During the period from 31st December, 1864, when Mr. Haselden was appointed a Receiver of Land Revenue at Auckland, to the 24th June, 1865, when I was appointed Government Agent and Sub-Treasurer, I had no active duty as a Civil Servant; my salary as Receiver of Land Revenue was transferred to Mr. Haselden, but my appointment was not cancelled, or my sureties released. The correspondence on this subject is printed in the Appendix to Journals, House of Representatives, 1865, C. No. 1.

[This letter is withdrawn, as requested by Dr. Pollen in his letter of 30th October, 1876.—G. S. C.]

REFERRED to the Solicitor-General, and Commissioners of Audit.—JULIUS VOGEL.—28th August, 1876.

FORWARDED to the Commissioners of Audit. I do not see on the face of this application anything calling for remark from me. No legal question appears to be involved. Possibly a question may arise on the matter referred to in the "remark" in the accompanying form of claim.—W. S. REID.—31st August, 1876.