No. 3.

The Colonial Treasurer to the Agent-General.

Sir,— Treasury, Wellington,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No. [illegible]) transmitting therewith a copy of a letter you had received from the [illegible] a correspondence between the Colonial Office, the Crown Agents [illegible] respecting the amount to be remitted from the colony for the [illegible] one million, together with a despatch from Lord Kimberley to [illegible]

After careful consideration of the whole matter discussed in the [illegible] letter, the Government have determined to acquiesce in the [illegible] sioners of the Treasury in their letter of the 5th September [illegible] on the whole million guaranteed by the Imperial Government.

I have therefore included in the bank order, in favour of [illegible] to you by the outgoing mail, a sum of £21,000, representing [illegible] one year and a half to the 13th proximo, on £500,000, provision [illegible] date for the sinking fund on £200,000; and I have to request [illegible] of this letter to pay the said sum of £21,000 to the Trustees of [illegible]

I have, &c.,

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

By Authority: George Dresser, Government Printer, Wellington.