

Mr. J. E. FITZGERALD to the Hon. the MINISTER for PUBLIC WORKS.

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THE Audit is informed that a sum of £18,000 has been paid to the Government by the New Plymouth Harbour Board, which has not been paid into the Public Account.

It is requested that the papers on the subject may be submitted to the Audit, with information as to where the money in question is lying.

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD,
Controller and Auditor-General.—24th August, 1883.

Controller and Auditor-General.—Papers herewith.—W. W. J.—27th August, 1883.

There does not appear anything in these papers to show where the money is placed, or to whose credit held. It is apparently a "deposit" within the terms of the 7th section of "The Public Revenues Act, 1878," and can only be paid into such account as the Treasury directs, being (see section 2, Act, 1882) an official account in the name of the office holding it. Please to forward the Colonial Treasurer's authority for its custody. Deposit accounts will have to be furnished as required by the regulations.—J. E. FITZGERALD.—27th August, 1883.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.—W. W. J.—28th August, 1883.