MESSAGE No. 6.

His Excellency the Officer administering the Government transmits to the House of Representatives "A Retnrn of the amount of additional Duty received on Spirits since the imposition of increased duty of one shilling per gallon, to the 31st December, 1853," in accordance with a Resolution of the 27th ultimo, requesting that the House might be furnished with such a Return.

R. H. WYNYARD.

Government House, Auckland, 22nd June, 1854.

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A RETURN of the Amount of Additional Duty received on Spirits since the Imposition of Increased Duty of one shilling per gallon, to the 31st December, 1853.

	1851.			1852.			1853.			Total.		
Auckland	£ 993		d. 4	€ 1367		d. 2	£ 1992			£ 4353		
New Plymouth	44	19	9	125	11	10	153	12	0	324	3	7
Wellington	474	0	6	841	6	11	1152	17	3	2448	4	8
Nelson	83	15	2	181	11	4	279	1	5	544	7	11
Lyttelton	221	9	10 [°]	379	19	8	384	13	1	986	2	7
Otago	91	2	11	93	4	8	151	11	0	335	18	7
	1908	11	6	2989	11	7	4094	5	8	8992	8	

Amounting to £8,992 8s. 9d.

The above Sum of £8,992 8s. 9d. was appropriated by the Legislative Councils of New Zealand to the public uses of the Colony.

June 21, 1854.

(Signed)

CHARLES KNIGHT, Auditor-General.