

8. As to the custody of the estate and particularly of money arising from the proceeds thereof, whether provision ought not to be made for lodging all such monies in a public account in some bank, to be under the direction of the Court.

9. Whether more stringent provision should be made for the punishment of debtors in cases of im-providence or fraud, and for preventing the relief of Insolvent Debtors from being turned to abuse, and what should be the nature of such provision.

10. Whether any alteration should be made in the law as regards Composition or Trust Deeds, and whether greater facilities should be given for winding up estates under private arrangements.

11. Generally what improvements in the law relating to Debtors and Creditors you would suggest. Requesting the favor of an early reply,

I have, &c.,

HENRY SEWELL.

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Mr. JUSTICE CHAPMAN to the ATTORNEY GENERAL.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your printed circular dated Auckland, 20th January 1865, on the subject of the Debtors and Creditors Act 1862, and I propose with as little delay as possible to give to the subject my careful consideration, and transmit to you the best answers in my power to the several questions submitted to me. I may possibly find it necessary to subdivide my answers into more than one report.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. S. CHAPMAN.

The Hon. Henry Sewell, M.L.C., &c., &c., &c., Wellington.

Dunedin, 4th Feb. 1865.