

## STATEMENT, &amp;c.—continued.

Dates when Account rendered.	Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1865	Brought forward...	...	...	...	...			
April 6	Ditto	ditto	September, 1864	...	...	24,288	2	5
" 26	Ditto	ditto	October, 1864	...	...	12,912	16	7
	Ditto	ditto	...	...	...	141	15	11
May 30	Ditto	ditto	December, 1864	...	...	18,186	0	4
June 12	Ditto	ditto	...	...	...	15,651	6	10
July 26	Ditto	ditto	March, 1865	...	...	8,232	13	7
	By contribution, H.M. Troops to 31st March, 1865...		...	...	...	50,876	5	0
	By pay of Colonial Forces, from 1st March to 30th June, 1865 ...		...	...	...	6,283	0	5
	By supplies from Military Store and Purveyor's Department ...		...	...	...	977	6	10
	Total, Claims rendered ...		...	...	...	£741,466	14	7
	Add Estimated Claims outstanding ...		...	...	...	35,000	0	0
						£776,466	14	7

\* The Colonial Government is in possession of no information by which the discrepancy between the claims as stated by the Commissariat Department, and the claims as rendered by the Imperial Treasury, can be explained.

On reference to the Appendix to the Journals of the House of Representatives for the year 1863, p. 7, B. No. 4, it will be seen that the sum of £274,125 7s. 9d. is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Treasury Minute, 24th May, 1862 ...	193,180	5	6
Local Forces—Pay, Rations, &c., to 30th June, 1862 ...	17,394	4	5
Do. do. do. to 30th September, 1862 ...	4,452	4	3
H. M. Troops—Contribution for year ending 31st March, 1862 ...	27,718	15	0
Road-making, to 30th June, 1862 ...	31,337	17	5
Do. to 30th September, 1862 ...	42	1	2
	£274,125	7	9

On comparing this statement with the one preceding it on the same page of the Appendix, it seems probable that the Treasury Minute of the 24th May, 1862, includes the claims for "Fencibles," the steamers "Wonga Wonga," &c., amounting to £35,891 10s. 4d. This sum the Commissariat Officer states to be an "admitted error," although he includes it now in his Statement of Accounts. The apparent overcharge is debited the Imperial Government in the present statement.

August 10th, 1865.

CHARLES KNIGHT,  
Auditor of Public Accounts.

## No. 24.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir GEORGE GREY, K.C.B., to the Right Hon. EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P.

(No. 7.)

Government House, Wellington,  
8th January, 1866.

SIR,—

In compliance with the recommendation of my Responsible Advisers, I have the honor herewith to transmit a Petition from the Auckland Provincial Council to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying that the Northern portion of these Islands may be constituted a separate Colony, under a Constitution calculated to establish and maintain peace, order, and good Government.

2. My Responsible Advisers, in transmitting the Petition to me, have not made any remarks upon it.

I have, &c.,  
G. GREY.

The Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, M.P.

## Enclosure in No. 24.

Mr. O'RORKE to the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

Auckland Provincial Council Chambers, 23rd December, 1865.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Petition from the Auckland Provincial Council, to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that the Northern portion of the Colony of New Zealand may be constituted a separate Colony, and request that your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty.

I have, &c.,  
G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Speaker.

His Excellency Sir George Grey, K.C.B.