

The claim for £16,422 2s. 10d. for the steamers *Tasmanian Maid* and *Wonga Wonga* is withdrawn also, under the authority of the Secretary of State for War, as being properly a part of the claims which may hereafter be raised by the Admiralty, which have been roughly stated as about £45,000. Instructions on this point are expected from the Admiralty.

Note.—The capitation charge is ordered to be excluded from the discussion, but I may state that some alteration has been made in the amount charged for the years between 1858-9 and 1860-1, and no charge is included for the year ended 31st March, 1866, as sufficient data does not exist in my office for the computation.

H. STANLEY JONES,

Commissary-General.

A. There remains the old outstanding claim of £67,927 5s. 9d. for Fencibles, which has been altogether omitted from the account now under consideration, but which my Lords are of opinion should clearly be included in any comprehensive statement of the liabilities of the Colonial to the Imperial Government.

Letter from Treasury to Sir F. Rogers, Bart, dated 18th Nov., 1865.

B. Statement by War Office showing the sums which should be added to or deducted from the account against the Colony, transmitted with War Office letter of 9th April, 1866, E. 493 :—

E. 4383.

(Copy.) "Amount expended in erection of Iron Barracks at Taranaki, 1855-6 and 1856-7, £6,931 5s. 5d."

Vouchers for £6,922 1s. only can be produced, which lesser amount only is now charged.

C. Statement by War Office showing the sums which should be added to or deducted from the account against the Colony, transmitted with War Office letter of 9th April, 1866, E. 493 :—

(Copy.) "Amount due for Arms and other Military Stores supplied, £79,756 19s. 10d." (*Vide* also account by the Treasury showing the debt incurred by the Colony as far as could then be ascertained, up to 26th September, 1865.)

1st. Cash Advances to the Colonial Authorities—

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|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| On 20th August, 1863 | ... | ... | ... | ... | £12,000 |
| On 14th September, 1863 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,000 |
| On 9th October | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,000 |
| On 7th December | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100,000 |
| On 29th December | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50,000 |

186,000

Enclosure of Treasury letter to Senr. Comst. Officer, dated 26th October, 1865.

E. 4159.

N.B.—Repayment of these advances was promised within six months from the date of each advance.

2nd. Expenses incurred for Colonial Forces wholly chargeable upon Colonial Funds, up to 31st March, 1866, viz.—

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Pay, &c., of Mounted Volunteers of Maori Irregular Force of Taranaki, Wanganui, and Hutt Militia | ... | ... | ... | ... | £67,699 |
| Commissariat Supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | 185,621 |
| Military Stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82,168 |
| Hire of Vessels | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16,422 |
| Road Making | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31,805 |
| Field work and Colonial allowance to H.M. Ships | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7,224 |
| Add money advanced to Colonial Government, issue of Rations, &c., at £15,000 a month for six months, to September, 1865 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90,000 |
| | | | | | <u>480,939</u> |
| | | | | | <u>£666,939</u> |

The above sum is exclusive of the old debt (about £68,000) in respect of advances for the New Zealand Fencibles.

H. S. JONES, C.G.

Sub-Enclosure 5 to Enclosure in No. 4.

(No. 3.)

MEMORANDUM by MAJOR RICHARDSON.

To Commissary-General JONES, C. B.—

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of the account against the Colony which accompanied your Memo. No. 4 of this day's date.

As I apprehend that any deviation from the plan of examination which I suggested would lead to the complications, difficulties, and misunderstandings which you fear may arise from its adoption, but which fear I cannot share, I will consider that we have agreed on that plan of procedure.

As you represent the vouchers which support the Imperial claim to be originals, and not copies, as I understood them to be, I of course cannot press that you should entrust them to me. I shall, therefore, be prepared to instruct my accountant to examine the documents in presence of an officer of your Department, whom you will doubtless instruct to furnish him with what he requires.

I have to thank you for the assistance you offer in explanation of accounts, and, which I shall be most happy to reciprocate when I submit to you the accounts of the Colonial Government.