

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Stevens, That the Committee find that the total expenses of the first mission amounted to £3,163 2s. 6d. as per statement attached (*vide* Appendix A), exclusive of Sir Julius Vogel's salary, which amounted to £638 17s. 9d. (*Vide* Appendix I.)

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Johnston, That Mr. FitzGerald be requested to furnish the Committee with the account of the expenses of Sir Julius Vogel's second mission to England, classified as follows:—

1. Items authorized by law.
2. Items authorized by usage.
3. Items unauthorized.

The Committee then adjourned.

MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1876.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Sir G. Grey,
Mr. Larnach,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Pearce,

Mr. Rees,
Mr. Reid,
Hon. W. H. Reynolds,
Hon. E. W. Stafford,
Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. FitzGerald was present and made sundry explanations on evidence given at last meeting of the Committee. He also gave further evidence (*vide* Minutes of Evidence), and promised to have the return asked for at last meeting placed before the Committee to-morrow.

The Committee then adjourned.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1876.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

Hon. Major Atkinson,
Sir G. Grey,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Larnach,
Mr. Montgomery,
Mr. Pearce,

Mr. Rees,
Mr. Reid,
Hon. W. H. Reynolds,
Hon. E. W. Stafford,
Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Curtis in the Chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman read telegram from Sir Julius Vogel, apologizing for not returning notes of evidence given by him before the Committee, and stating that same would be transmitted by next post.

The Chairman also read memorandum from the Commissioners of Audit, and statement of accounts, as requested, enclosed therewith. (*Vide* Appendix K.)

The following Resolution, moved by Mr. Montgomery, was unanimously agreed to:—

The Committee find that the total expenses of the second mission amounted to £5,640 9s. 7d., (*vide* Appendix B), exclusive of Sir Julius Vogel's claim for a further sum of £2,750, and also exclusive of Sir Julius Vogel's salary, which amounted to £2,172 16s. 5d. (*vide* Appendix J), and of the salary of his Secretary, amounting to £534 9s. 6d.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Stevens, That the following statement, showing the actual amounts received and claimed by Sir Julius Vogel, for his salary, allowances, and personal expenses during his second mission, be entered on the minutes and form part of the report of the Committee, viz.,—

	£	s.	d.
Salary	2,172	16	5
Travelling allowance	2,171	8	0
Special allowance	1,500	0	0
Passages of himself and servant	283	10	0
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	£6127	14	5
Additional vote asked for	2,750	0	0
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	£8,877	14	5

Mr. Stevens moved, That whilst the Committee consider that adequate allowances should be accorded to any Minister visiting England on the business of the colony, it is of opinion that the claim of £2,750, in addition to the sums already paid to Sir Julius Vogel, is unreasonable, and should not be granted.

The Hon. Major Atkinson moved, That this question be not put; and, the motion of the Hon. Major Atkinson being put, the Committee divided.