

not to press further the objections raised in their letter dated 26th May last to the Act of the New Zealand Legislature No. 25 of 1874, and also their Lordships' desire to be furnished with a report of the Auditor-General of New Zealand relative to the sum of £200,000, the balance of £1,000,000, to which the Imperial guarantee had been given; I beg herewith to enclose to your Lordship a copy of a certificate by the Auditor-General of the expenditure of the General Government of New Zealand on immigration, roads, and communications during the years 1872, 1873, and 1874, from which your Lordship will see that no less a sum than £3,982,672 19s. 8d. has been expended.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

NORMANBY.

Enclosure in No. 28.

MEMORANDUM for HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

(No. 14.)

THE Honorable the Colonial Treasurer has the honor to transmit the enclosed certificate by the Auditor-General, of the expenditure of the General Government of New Zealand on Immigration, Roads, and Communications during the years 1872, 1873, and 1874, with a request that His Excellency the Governor will forward the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

H. A. ATKINSON.

Wellington, 31st January, 1876.

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 28.

I CERTIFY that the expenditure of the General Government of New Zealand, on Immigration, Roads, and Communications, during the years 1872, 1873, and 1874, was as follows, viz. :—

						£	s.	d.
During the year	1872	...	...	...	...	617,907	15	1
"	"	1873	...	...	...	1,199,516	4	2
"	"	1874	...	...	...	2,165,249	0	5

CHARLES KNIGHT,
Auditor-General.

28th January, 1876.

No. 29.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 8.)

Government House, Auckland,

MY LORD,—

New Zealand, 8th March, 1876.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that, in consequence of the return of Sir Julius Vogel to this colony, the Hon. Dr. Pollen, to whom I had intrusted the re-formation of the Government in July last—a step which had been rendered necessary by the prolonged absence of Sir Julius in England—tendered to me his resignation as leader of the Government.

2. On receiving Dr. Pollen's resignation, I at once requested Sir Julius to resume his position as head of the Government, when he submitted to me the following distribution of the various offices, of which I approved :—

The Hon. Sir Julius Vogel, K.C.M.G., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Sir Donald McLean, K.C.M.G., Minister for Native and Defence.

The Hon. Daniel Pollen, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Edward Richardson, Minister for Public Works.

The Hon. Harry Albert Atkinson, Minister for Crown Lands.

The Hon. Charles C. Bowen, Minister for Justice and Commissioner of Stamp Duties.

3. Your Lordship will observe that this reconstruction of the Government has no political signification whatever, being simply caused by the return to the colony of Sir Julius Vogel. Although there is some modification in the allotment of the offices, the members of the Government remain the same, with the exception of Mr. Reynolds, who has retired from the Government. His retirement, however, was brought about by entirely private considerations, and would probably