1887. NEW ZEALAND.

THE PERMANENT MILITIA FORCE

(RETURN SHOWING NUMBER AND COST OF).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives, dated 11th May, 1887.

Ordered, "That a return be made of persons at the present time enrolled in the Permanent Militia Force of this colony: (1) The number of commissioned officers and their ranks; (2) The number of non-commissioned officers; (3) the number of privates; (4) the cost per head per annum of the above ranks respectively."—(Mr. FITZHERBERT.)

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Number of Commissioned Officers and their Ranks.

Number.	Ranks.						Salary.
1	Lieutenant-colonel		•••				£ 400
2	Majors (1 for six months)		•••	•••	•••	• • •	600 3 5 0
8	Major Captains (2 with rank of major	or)	•••				2,000
2	Lieutenants						500
1	Assistant-surgeon		•••	•••	•••		225
15							£4,075

Cost per head per annum, £271 13s. 4d.

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Number of non-commissioned officers, 49. Cost per head per annum, £127 7s. 3d.

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Number of privates, gunners, &c., 286. Cost per head per annum, £106 17s.

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Number of men of all ranks, 350. Average cost per head per annum, £121 1s. 1d.

> G. S. Whitmore, Major-General, Under-Secretary for Defence.

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