

their stock and forgotten their dividends; and when the ten-year period is about to expire they send notices to all persons whose stock and dividends are about to come within the terms of the Acts: so that a much more effective assistance is afforded to parties interested than they could derive from the publication of registers.

I am, &c.,

H. J. BOWEN,  
Deputy Chief Accountant.

The Hon. R. H. Meade, C.B., Colonial Office, S.W.

C.—The COLONIAL OFFICE to the AGENT-GENERAL.

SIR,—

Colonial Office, Downing Street, 5th September, 1887.

With reference to previous correspondence respecting the disposal of unclaimed colonial stock and dividends, I am directed by Sir Henry Holland to transmit to you, for any observations you may be able to favour him with after consultation with the other Agents-General, a copy of the correspondence between this department and the Bank of England on the subject.

I am, &c.,

JOHN BRAMSTON.

The Agent-General for New Zealand.

## No. 8.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the COLONIAL TREASURER.

SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 3rd November, 1887.

The Agents-General met to-day to consider the suggestions on the subject of unclaimed stock and dividends contained in the correspondence which I sent you in my letter of the 6th September last, No. 1,345.

After a long discussion the Agents-General desired me to ask the Colonial Office to go on with the drafting of the Bill, and to let us see the draft, when we should be better able to form an opinion of the provisions for giving effect to the proposal I brought before the Colonial Conference.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Wellington.

F. D. BELL.

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