The Audit Office, 28th June, 1900.

The Audit Office having this day received the order made on the 27th instant, by the Governor in Council, under section 53 of the Public Revenues Act, declaring to be in accordance with law the credit requisition of the 27th instant for £20,000, has passed such requisition under the authority of such order, and will now, with as little delay as possible, have copies prepared of all the correspondence relating to the dispute, and lay the correspondence before Parliament, in compliance with section 53 of the Public Revenues Act.

The Controller and Auditor-General should add that in the Order in Council under the 40th section the fault remains uncorrected—of the direction to apply a surplus on an appropriation, under section 3 of "The Public Revenues Acts Amendment Act, 1896," in aid of Suspense Account. The

Audit Office appears to be required by section 53 to pass the requisition notwithstanding.

J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

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