

No. 12.

Imprests accounted for.

For credit of the account of J. Cole for the period ended 15th April, 1902. £ s. d.
 Voucher No. 1 180 16 10
 Forwarded for approval to the Defence Department on 25th April, 1902.

E. MOWBRAY,
 For the Paymaster-General.

Approved.—ARTHUR P. DOUGLAS, Under-Secretary. 25th April, 1902.

Defence Department, Dr. to J. Cole.

1900.	£	s.	d.
May 19. To payments of wages, &c., in dismantling s.s. "Knight Templar" in South Africa, as per statement Luckie and others	47	18	6
Fishwick and others	50	4	0
Sundries paid cash for as per statement	80	14	4
Ditto	2	0	0
	180	16	10

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing account is true and correct in every particular, that the charges are reasonable, and that the service has been duly performed, and that I actually paid for services named the sums which are not supported by receipts.

J. COLE.

To be charged to South Africa contingents.—ARTHUR P. DOUGLAS. 25th April, 1902.

Summary of Expenditure.

Particulars.	Supported by Receipts.	Not supported by Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages	47 18 6	47 18 6
"	50 4 0	50 4 0
Passage to New Zealand <i>via</i> Cape Town	18 18 0	18 18 0
Hotel board and residence	9 7 0	9 7 0
Cablegram to Premier and telegram	3 16 0	3 16 0
Solicitors' fees	1 15 0	...
Horse-stalls, &c.	16 7 6	...
Freight, &c.	4 19 4	...
Cutting and screwing bolts	4 5 0	...
Sundries	0 12 6	5 14 0
	44 19 4	135 17 6

No. 13.

The Audit Office.

THIS is clearly a case which must come under Minister's minute that the Treasury will take the responsibility of the expenditure which has been made *bonâ fide* on behalf of the Government, and which the Audit Office will probably find necessary to report to Parliament that they were unable to satisfactorily audit the expenditure, but under the circumstances of the exceptional nature of the services they had decided to pass.

JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Secretary.

25th April, 1902.

Expenditure amounting to £180 16s. 10d. passed for credit of J. Cole.—J. C. GAVIN, A.C. and A. 26/4/02.

No. 14.

Imprest Account of M. Cradock, Lieut.-Colonel.

THE present position of Lieut.-Colonel Cradock's account in respect of a sum of £6,500 advanced to him by the Treasury in January, 1900, is as follows:—

Amount advanced	£6,500 0 0	£ s. d.
Recoveries debited	7 12 0	
	6,507 12 0	
Expenditure credited	1,856 2 9	
Balance	4,651 9 3	
The account has now to be debited with several sums amounting to £857 3s. 7d., including £736 16s. 8d. received from Lieut.-Colonel Robin	857 3 7	
Expenditure now to be credited	5,508 12 10	