

vince on account of the General Government were defrayed out of the General Revenues collected in that Province, or out of the General Revenues collected in the other Provinces of New Zealand. For in that case the proportion which would be payable into each Provincial Treasury would be wholly dependent, not on the amount issued out of the General Chest in each Province, but on the amount of revenue collected in each Province respectively.

Vide "Services in General." No. 1.

Vide General Cash Balance. No. 2.

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Vide Surplus Revenue account. No. 3.

Reverting again to the period included between the 1st January and the 30th of September, 1853, the total receipts of the several accountants amounted to £179,642 16s. 3d., and the total disbursements to £155,486 0s. 4d.—inclusive of a sum of 17,000, which had been paid in deposit into the Commissariat Chest at Auckland on account of the New Zealand Company's "Fourths." The balances in hand on the 30th of September, 1853, including the above deposit of £17,000, amounted to £39,440 17s. 10d.; but this, like the balance in hand on the 1st of January preceding, included large sums of money held in deposit on account of the New Zealand Company's "Fourths," Intestate Estates, &c., amounting altogether to the sum of £20,820 19s. 11d. The sum, therefore, in the General Treasury actually available for distribution on the 30th of September, 1853, was only £18,619 17s. 11d. This surplus, when added to the advances issued to the Provincial Treasuries on account of the anticipated surplus Revenues, make the total surplus £24,392 7s. 11d. which might be distributed among the several Provinces without reference to the sources from which it arose—or it might more properly be separated into two portions,—the one being the surplus arising from the disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown, and the other that which remains from the ordinary Revenues.

#### LAND FUND SURPLUS.

Vide Land Fund account. No. 4.

Adopting the latter mode of distribution, it is found in respect of the Land Fund that the territorial Revenue raised in New Zealand during the nine months ending 30th or September, 1853, was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
In the Province of Auckland..	25,917	0	10
New Plymouth ..	847	0	0
Wellington ..	5,530	0	0
Nelson ...	6,520	3	0
Canterbury ..	1,251	5	2
Otago ..	1,082	13	6
Amounting altogether to .. ..	41,148	2	6

Deducting the charges fixed by the Constitution Act, namely—

	£	s.	d.
1. Surveys and Management of the Crown Lands .. ..	7,239	14	8
2. Land Purchases from the Aborigines...	10,100	12	1
3. New Zealand Company's Fourths ...	9,806	8	1
4. Amount required to defray the expenses of the services and purposes mentioned in the schedule of the Constitution Act, unprovided for by the local appropriation ordinances .. ..	3,487	10	0

Vide Land Fund account. No. 4.

There remains a surplus unappropriated of £10,513 17s. 8d.

Vide correspondence with the Superintendent of Canterbury, herewith.

It has however, been contended with respect to the 2nd and 4th of the above charges, that the Government has issued regulations by which the whole net Land Revenues of each Province, after deducting the New Zealand Company's "Fourths," were subject to no general charge, and were payable finally into the Treasury of the Province in which the same were raised, without any