

1856.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Transmitted to the House by His Excellency the GOVERNOR, April 25, 1856.

MESSAGE No. 5.

THOMAS GORE BROWNE,
Governor.

The Governor transmits, for the information of the House of Representatives, Financial Statements* for the periods included between the First of January, 1853, and the Thirty-first December, 1855.

These have been prepared in accordance with the resolution of the House of Representatives, which required the whole of the land deposits received in each period to be treated as revenue, and distributed among the several provinces as surplus revenues.

The whole of the arrears of expenditure have been shown as charges on the revenues of the period when the expenses were actually incurred; and the moneys issued for the purchase of lands have been a charge on the land revenues of the period during which they were issued.

The balances in the public chests, on the 1st of January, 1853, are shown at the head of the Financial Statement for the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1853, and they are charged with the arrears of expenditure belonging to the period prior to the 1st January, 1853. The excess of these arrears over the balances in hand is exhibited as a charge on the revenues of the period ending 30th September, 1853, and will be found included in the unappropriated balances of that period.

*Government House, Auckland,
25th April, 1856.*

* Copies of 4 Statements.

ending the 30th September, 1853.

		£	s.	d.
Arrears : Expenses of 1852 paid during the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1853 (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 2)		12,310	2	9
New Zealand Company's Fourths, due 1st January, 1853		6,318	12	2
		£	18,628	14 11

NET REVENUE, Ordinary & Territorial.	CIVIL LIST, PARLIAMENTARY GRANT, AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
20,937 8 8		
2,300 8 10		
13,355 10 11	CIVIL LIST for Nine Months	12,000 0 0
3,710 1 6		
3,288 6 1	Deduct Civil List expenses, provided for by Parliamentary Grant and Appropriation Ordinances (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 3)	8,512 10 0
1,502 6 3		
244 4 11		
84 14 10		
478 4 2		
89 4 9		
157 1 8		
39 13 9		
2,742 5 2	PARLIAMENTARY GRANT for Nine Months	5,045 0 0
488 19 10		
1,930 17 2	Deduct Services, included in Appropriation Ordinances (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 4)	2,473 15 0
831 11 6		
870 3 11		
186 9 11		
0 0 0		
		3,487 10 0
	APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE—New Ulster	19,611 3 0
53,237 13 10	New Munster	18,145 11 9
	DEBENTURE SECURITY ORDINANCE, authorizing the payment of principal, amounting during the period to	282 0 0
	LAND REGULATION ORDINANCE, authorizing the payment of expenses of Registration of Deeds, amounting to	207 1 6
	UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE.	
	£ s. d.	
	Issued to Provinces (<i>vide</i> Statement on the other side)	5,772 3 6
	Expended in excess of provision (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 6)	9,999 14 0
	Arrears of 1852, in excess of the Available Balances in hand on 1st January, 1853 (<i>vide</i> Statement above)	6,225 7 0
	Balance for distribution among the Provinces	13,213 13 4
14,144 6 2		
4,000 0 0		
8,133 9 1		
		35,210 17 10
79,515 9 1	TOTAL	£ 79,515 9 1

SURPLUS

No. 1.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Nine Months

SURPLUS REVENUES.									
Amount issued to Provinces during the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1853									
Balance available for distribution, as shown in the Statement on the other side									
TOTAL £18,985 16 10									
Proportion of the above sum, £18,985 16s. 10d., distributable among the various Provinces, according to the rule fixed by the Constitution Act.									
Payments made to Provinces during the period.		£		s.	d.	£		s.	d.
Province of Auckland		1,665	17	9				9,899	8 4
New Plymouth		240	3	7				743	1 6
Wellington		3,151	16	11				4,351	3 6
Nelson		714	5	3				2,210	1 2
Canterbury		—						1,196	1 10
Otago		—						586	0 6
Balance due to Provinces on account of the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1853		13,213	13	4					
TOTAL		18,985	16	10				18,985	16 10
GROSS RECEIPTS ON WHICH THE PROPORTION OF SURPLUS REVENUE PAYABLE TO EACH PROVINCE IS CALCULATED.									
PROVINCES.	Customs.	Post Office.	Fees, Fines, &c., &c.	Land Fund Receipts.	Total Gross Receipts.	Deduct, Surcharges, Sale of Stores, &c., &c.	Gross Receipts, on which the proportion of Surplus Revenue is calculated.		
Auckland	£ 22,522 6 5	£ 244 4 11	£ 2,742 5 2	£ 25,917 0 10	£ 51,425 17 4	£ 108 17 0	£ 51,317 0 4		
New Plymouth	s. 2,431 12 4	s. 84 14 10	s. 488 19 10	s. 847 0 0	s. 3,852 7 0	s. 15 12 0	s. 3,852 7 0		
Wellington	d. 14,633 4 5	d. 478 4 2	d. 1,930 17 2	d. 5,530 0 0	d. 22,572 5 9	d.	d. 22,556 13 9		
Nelson	£ 4,016 1 9	£ 89 4 9	£ 831 11 6	£ 6,520 13 0	£ 11,457 11 0	£	£ 11,457 11 0		
Canterbury	s. 3,919 6 0	s. 157 1 8	s. 870 3 11	s. 1,251 5 2	s. 6,197 16 9	s.	s. 6,197 16 9		
Otago	d. 1,727 3 5	d. 39 13 9	d. 186 9 11	d. 1,083 3 6	d. 3,036 10 7	d.	d. 3,036 10 7		
Agent General			201 11 0		201 11 0	201 11 0			
TOTALS	£ 49,249 14 4	£ 1,093 4 1	£ 7,251 18 6	£ 41,149 2 6	£ 98,743 19 5	£ 326 0 0	£ 98,417 19 5		

CHARLES KNIGHT, Auditor-General.

ending the 30th September, 1853—continued.

SCHEDULE No. 1.—BALANCES IN HAND, 1ST JANUARY, 1853.

	Available.	Unavailable.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Colonial Chest, Auckland	6,808 2 5½	2,359 5 9	9,167 8 2½
Postmaster	352 5 2		352 5 2
Colonial Chest, New Plymouth	95 13 10	15 9 9	111 3 7
Wellington	1,211 16 7	248 5 5	1,460 2 0
Nelson	2,978 11 1	105 8 11	3,084 0 0
Canterbury	455 14 3¼		455 14 3¼
Otago	501 4 6	504 19 5	1,006 3 11
TOTALS £	12,403 7 11	3,233 9 3	15,636 17 2

SCHEDULE No. 2.—ARREARS.

	£ s. d.
Expenses of 1852 paid during the Nine Months ending 30th September, 1853 (for particulars, <i>vide</i> first column of Statement in folio 30 of the Finance Committee's Statement)	11,760 4 6
Add refund to Commissariat Chest, Wellington, on account of Parliamentary Grant overdrawn for the year 1852	2,000 0 0
	£ 13,760 4 6
Deduct Arrears of Land Fund expenses, as shown in the Financial Committee's Statement	1,450 1 9
TOTAL £	12,310 2 9

SCHEDULE No. 3.—CIVIL LIST.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Civil List, for nine months		12,000 0 0
The whole of the following Services being fully provided for by the Parliamentary Grant and Appropriation Ordinances, namely :—		
Governor	1,875 0 0	
Governor's Establishment	578 14 9	
Chief Justice	750 0 0	
Puisné Judge	600 0 0	
Colonial Secretary's Department	1,087 10 0	
Colonial Treasurer's Department	525 0 0	
Attorney-General's Department	450 0 0	
Auditor-General's Department	487 10 0	
Contingencies	396 5 3	
deduct the Amount from the Civil List for Nine Months	6,750 0 0	
Deduct also the Amount provided for Native Purposes by the Appropriation Ordinances	1,762 10 0	
		8,512 10 0
TOTAL £		3,487 10 0

SCHEDULE No. 4.—PARLIAMENTARY GRANT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Parliamentary Grant for Nine Months		5,045 0 0
The following Services being provided for by the Appropriation Ordinances, namely :—		
Lieutenant-Governor	600 0 0	
Chief Justice	750 0 0	
Attorney-General	378 15 0	
Clerk of Councils	286 5 0	
Colonial Secretary	311 5 0	
Chaplain and Schools	147 10 0	
deduct the Amount from the Parliamentary Grant for Nine Months		2,473 15 0
TOTAL £		2,571 5 0

SCHEDULE No. 5.—LAND PURCHASES.

	£ s. d.
Paid by Colonial Treasurer, Auckland	152 3 3
Colonial Treasurer, Wellington	266 12 4
Sub-Treasurer, New Plymouth	1,354 8 10
Advances to C. W. Ligar	2,193 10 0
D. M'Lean	6,613 10 0
	£ 10,580 4 5
Less Advances refunded by D. M'Lean	982 3 10
TOTAL £	9,598 0 7

ending the 30th June, 1854.

NET REVENUE, Ordinary & Territorial.	CIVIL LIST, APPROPRIATIONS, &c.	
£ s. d.		£ s. d.
29,529 9 11	Civil List	12,000 0 0
2,007 19 9	Appropriations by Local Ordinances (<i>vide</i> last column of Schedule No. 1)	3,831 2 10
19,571 10 2		
5,257 14 11		
4,688 6 4		
2,115 15 8		
362 13 8		
75 3 8		
395 11 4		
97 17 1		
176 17 2		
37 7 6		
1,354 6 5		
168 3 8		
67 12 3		
179 8 6		
65 1 0		
17 2 9		
193 6 0		
66,361 7 9	UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE.	
	£ s. d.	
	Issued to Provinces 64,999 16 4	
	Expenditure in excess of Provision (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 1) 15,309 3 2	
	Balance for distribution among the Provinces 17,090 14 0	
		97,399 13 6
46,869 8 7		
113,230 16 4	TOTAL . . . £	113,230 16 4

ending the 30th June, 1854—*continued.*

SCHEDULE No. 1.

					£	s.	d.
Total Expenditure on Account Nine Months ending 30th June, 1854 (for particulars, <i>vide</i> Statement below)					37,552	5	2½
Deduct—							
Appropriations—Civil List					12,000	0	0
First Charges and Local Appropriations					10,243	2	0½
					22,243	2	0½
EXPENDITURE IN EXCESS OF PROVISION					15,309	3	2
DEPARTMENT.	Current Expenditure for Nine Months ending 30th June, 1854.	Arrears paid during the next period.	TOTAL.	Civil List.	First Charges and Local Appropriations.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s.	d.
Governor and Establishment .	1,890 1 4	328 12 4	2,218 13 8	2,453 14 9			
Clerk of Councils	12 10 0	19 19 4	32 9 4				
Colonial Secretary's Department	1,169 5 6	137. 6 8	1,306 12 2	1,087 10 0			
Colonial Treasurer's Department	607 18 7	77 10 0	685 8 7	525 0 0			
Auditor-General's Department	546 16 6	61 1 4	607 17 10	487 10 0			
Bank of Issue	255 19 4	64 11 8	320 11 0				
Post Office	1,465 3 8	608 13 11	2,073 17 7		1,145	10	5
Native Secretary's Department	144 9 8	467 2 7	611 12 3				
Armed Police	20 2 6	132 15 0	152 17 6				
Gold Fields	63 5 6		63 5 6				
Miscellaneous	754 19 8	1,190 7 6	1,945 7 2	396 5 3	41	4	6
Supreme Court	1,200 0 0	565 15 6	1,765 15 6	1,350 0 0			
Attorney-General	375 0 0	50 0 0	425 0 0	450 0 0			
Registrar of Deeds	225 3 3	43 7 8	268 10 11		268	10	11
„ Births, &c., &c. . . .	73 6 8	9 3 4	82 10 0				
Resident Magistrates' Department	1,291 6 8	242 18 2	1,534 4 10	750 0 0			
Public Works	387 4 10		387 4 10				
Harbour	45 0 0		45 0 0				
Bishop of New Zealand	150 0 0		150 0 0				
Charitable Aid	7 8 0		7 8 0				
Medical	801 8 5	266 17 8	1,068 6 1				
Aborigines	6,811 2 6	1,882 18 4	8,694 0 10	4,425 0 0			
Pensions	65 3 0	42 11 0	107 14 0	75 0 0			
Interest on Debentures . .	2,156 14 10	37 1 6	2,193 16 4		2,180	6	0
„ „ Land	229 6 3		229 6 3		45	11	0
Government Brig	1,024 16 1		1,024 16 1				
General Assembly	1,448 14 4	1,539 5 5	2,987 19 9				
Walker Nene	150 0 0		150 0 0		150	0	0
Customs	6,204 9 3½		6,204 9 3½		6,204	9	3½
Three per Cent. Consols .	207 9 11		207 9 11		207	9	11
TOTALS £	29,784 6 3½	7,767 18 11	37,552 5 2½	12,000 0 0	10,243	2	0½

SCHEDULE No. 2.—LAND PURCHASES.

	£	s.	d.
Paid by Colonial Treasurer, Auckland	500	15	8
Surveyor-General „	30	0	0
Commissioner Crown Lands, Wellington	162	0	8
Otago	2,021	0	0
Advances issued to C. W. Ligar	6,616	0	0
D. M'Lean	29,237	13	10
	£	38,567	10 2
Less Advances refunded	—		
TOTAL £	38,567	10	2

No. 3.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Year

ORDINARY REVENUE.	Gross Receipts.	Charges and Expenses of Management payable out of the Gross Receipts by the Constitution Act.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Customs—Auckland	52,424 2 5	4,836 13 8
New Plymouth	4,641 5 5	428 6 2
Wellington	30,103 9 11	2,983 17 6
Nelson	10,588 10 4	1,234 7 7½
Canterbury	8,613 17 10	1,034 18 0
Otago	5,874 12 7	718 5 10
Post Office—Auckland	1,188 16 4	The expenses of these Departments are paid under the authority of the Appropriation Act (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 1).
New Plymouth	113 1 2	
Wellington	670 12 6	
Nelson	167 18 2	
Canterbury	283 13 2	
Otago	78 7 10	
Fees, Fines, &c.—Auckland	1,994 6 5	The expenses of these Departments are paid under the authority of the Appropriation Act (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 1).
New Plymouth	100 4 0	
Wellington	546 4 10	
Nelson	57 18 4	
Canterbury	7 14 5	
Otago	1 19 6	
Receipts of the Agent-General	438 4 11	237 16 5
TOTALS £	117,895 0 1	11,474 5 2½

NET ORDINARY REVENUE . . . £

TERRITORIAL REVENUE.	Gross Receipts, less Refunds of Deposits and Refunds of Purchase Money.	Expenses, Surveys, &c.	New Zealand Company's Fourths.	Land Purchases.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland *	61,261 8 2	6,097 15 0	15,027 17 2	Moneys issued for the Purchase of Land (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 2)— £ s. d. 35,902 13 7½
New Plymouth	3,043 10 0	1,627 5 3	760 17 6	
Wellington †	15,335 5 0	4,350 14 8	3,803 0 0	
Nelson	19,188 3 9	2,434 0 7	4,397 3 0	
Canterbury	8,721 13 0	3,709 5 0	1,175 17 4	
Otago	1,910 10 7	600 15 7	399 0 2	
Agent-General		161 12 4		
TOTALS £	109,460 10 6	18,981 8 5	25,563 15 2	35,902 13 7½

* The sum of £78 15s. 6d. (which is included in the Statement published in the *Government Gazette*, on the 6th instant, among the "Miscellaneous Disbursements," instead of appearing as a Refund of Purchase Money) has been deducted from the Gross Receipts, together with the other Refunds of Deposits and of Purchase Money shown in the published Statement referred to.

† This amount includes the sum of £760, being "Land Deposits received" which were included, by error of the Clerk who compared the Statement above referred to, under the head of "Deposits, Intestate Estates."

RECAPITULATION OF THE TERRITORIAL RECEIPTS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Gross Receipts		109,460 10 6
Deduct—Expenses	18,981 8 5	
New Zealand Company's Fourths	25,563 15 2	
Land Purchases	35,902 13 7½	
		80,447 17 2½

being NET TERRITORIAL REVENUE, after deducting all new Land Purchases and First Charges shown in this Statement

TOTAL ORDINARY AND TERRITORIAL NET REVENUE . . £

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PAYMENTS

ending the 30th June, 1855—*continued.*

SCHEDULE NO. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 1854.

The sum of £36,497 7s. 0d. to be paid out of Land and General Revenue for support of Civil Establishment, &c., of the General Government: that is to say—

	£	s.	d.
Land Purchase Department	1,373	15	0
Post Office	4,076	0	0
Interest on Debentures	2,225	17	0
Pensions	250	0	0
Governor's Establishment	643	16	0
General Assembly, Building, &c.	8,995	0	0
Colonial Secretary's Department, Colonial Treasury, and Bank of Issue	565	0	0
Supreme Court	1,590	0	0
Native Secretary's Department, Auckland; Native Assessors, and Policemen, at New Plymouth	1,037	0	0
Hospitals	2,070	0	0
Miscellaneous	4,160	19	0
Schools—Church of Rome	600	0	0
Wesleyan body	700	0	0
Service—Chatham Islands	500	0	0
Vaccination	500	0	0
Donation to the Family of the late Mr. Coates, late Clerk to the House of Representatives	200	0	0
Inter-Provincial Postal Communication by Steam	6,000	0	0
TOTAL	£ 36,497	7	0

SCHEDULE NO. 2.—LAND PURCHASES.

	£	s.	d.
Paid by Colonial Treasurer	359	15	0
Sub-Treasurer, Wellington	10	0	0
Commissioner of Crown Lands, Otago	632	13	7½
Advances to Mr. M'Lean, Auckland	12,950	0	0
Mr. Kemp, Auckland	3,500	0	0
Mr. M'Lean, New Plymouth	518	5	0
„ Wellington	17,432	0	0
„ Hawke's Bay	400	0	0
„ Nelson	100	0	0
£	35,902	13	7½
Less Advances refunded	—		
TOTAL	£ 35,902	13	7½

NOTE.—The advance of £400 to Mr. M'Lean, at Hawke's Bay, is not shown in the Account Current printed with the "Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives," on the 29th August, 1855; the Hawke's Bay Land Fund account for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1855, not having reached the Audit Office until the month of October following.

No. 4.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the Six Months

ORDINARY REVENUE.	Gross Receipts.	Charges and Expenses of Management payable out of the Gross Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Customs—Auckland	23,122 2 8	3,007 19 6
New Plymouth	3,510 2 5	244 12 11
Wellington	12,783 10 5	1,573 8 4
Nelson	4,314 12 5	741 1 7
Canterbury	4,552 19 8	640 6 10
Otago	2,418 18 4	528 2 10
Post Office—Auckland	609 8 11	For actual expenditure, <i>vide</i> Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for corresponding period.
New Plymouth	90 14 10	
Wellington	409 4 10	
Nelson	90 19 0	
Canterbury	256 14 11	
Otago	67 8 0	
Fees, Fines, &c.—Auckland	617 10 1	
New Plymouth	12 7 6	
Wellington	169 15 5	
Nelson	493 8 2	
Canterbury	16 12 6	
Otago	—	
TOTALS £	53,536 10 1	6,735 12 0

NET ORDINARY REVENUE £

TERRITORIAL REVENUE.	Gross Receipts, less Refunds of Deposits and Refunds of Purchase Money.	Expenses, Surveys, &c.,	New Zealand Company's Fourths.	Land Purchases.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Moneys issued for the Purchase of Land (<i>vide</i> Schedule No. 1)— £ s. d.
Auckland	13,499 13 11	4,173 11 0	3,310 2 2	
New Plymouth	191 15 0	635 19 4	46 8 9	
Wellington	3,914 7 3	2,776 5 1	969 11 10	
Nelson	6,038 6 4	1,155 0 8	1,431 17 5	
Canterbury	9,566 14 3	1,602 19 5	1,655 2 11	
Otago	1,102 18 1	345 18 2½	220 16 10	5,424 18 5
TOTALS £	34,313 14 10	10,689 13 8½	7,633 19 11	5,424 18 5

RECAPITULATION OF THE TERRITORIAL RECEIPTS.

Gross Receipts	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Deduct—Expenses	10,689 13 8½	34,313 14 10
New Zealand Company's Fourths	7,633 19 11	
Land Purchases	5,424 18 5	
		23,748 12 0½
being NET TERRITORIAL REVENUE, after deducting all new Land Purchases and First Charges shown in this Statement		
SURCHARGES, RECOVERIES, &c.—		
Auckland		£ s. d.
New Plymouth		118 3 8
Wellington		11 1 5
Canterbury		191 18 7
		20 1 2

TOTAL ORDINARY AND TERRITORIAL NET REVENUE £

PAYMENTS

STATEMENT

STATEMENT, showing the AMOUNTS ISSUED TO THE PROVINCES from the 1st January, 1853, to the 31st December, 1855, and the
AMOUNTS DUE TO THE PROVINCES on Account of the Revenues of the same period

PROVINCES.	Proportional Amount due to the several Provinces (<i>vide</i> Financial Statement for the periods)			TOTAL Amount due to the Provinces from January 1, 1853, to December 31, 1855.			Amount paid to the several Provinces (<i>vide</i> Financial Statement for the periods)				TOTAL Amount paid to the Provinces from January 1, 1853, to December 31, 1855.	Over-payment to the several Provinces.	Amount due to the several Provinces.
	For the Nine Months ending September 30, 1853.	For the Nine Months ending June 30, 1854.	For the Year ending June 30, 1855.	For the Six Months ending December 31, 1855.	£	s.	d.	During the Nine Months ending September 30, 1853.	During the Nine Months ending June 30, 1854.	During the Year ending June 30, 1855.	During the Six Months ending December 31, 1855.		
Auckland .	£ 9,900 8 5	£ 30,182 3 6	£ 42,548 10 7	£ 11,817 1 0	94,448	3	6	1,665	17 9	36,673	3 7	£ 89,316 8 11	£ 5,131 14 7
New Plymouth .	742 0 8	2,625 0 3	2,898 0 1	1,187 2 4½	7,452	3	4½	240	3 7	2,436	8 10	8,709 0 3	1,216 16 10½
Wellington .	4,350 4 2	20,323 2 6	17,122 10 3	5,393 9 4	47,189	6	3	3,151	16 11	16,268	18 10	52,424 7 0	5,235 0 9
Nelson .	2,209 2 1	9,331 1 8	11,012 10 2	3,414 4 8	25,966	18	7	714	5 3	11,396	11 8	34,286 11 4	8,319 12 9
Canterbury .	1,195 1 0	16,338 2 0	6,468 0 1	4,493 7 4	28,494	10	5	.	.	26,751	9 11	35,990 7 10	7,495 17 5
Otago .	589 0 6	3,291 0 5	2,886 10 0	1,120 2 4	7,886	13	3	.	.	4,705	8 4	8,463 14 8	577 1 5
TOTALS . . £	18,985 16 10	82,090 10 4	82,936 1 2	27,425 7 0½	211,437	15	4½	5,772	3 6	98,232	1 2	229,190 10 0	22,834 9 2½

	£	s.	d.
Over-payments to Provinces, 31st December, 1855	.	.	22,884 9 2½
Deduct Amount due to Provinces, 31st December, 1855	.	.	5,131 14 7
OVER-PAYMENTS TO PROVINCES	.	.	£17,752 14 7½*

* To meet which the sum of £9,173 19s. 6d. was overdrawn at the Union Bank of Australia, on 31st December, 1855, and £8,978 15s. 1½d. issued from the Deposits in the Colonial Chest.

CHARLES KNIGHT,
Auditor-General.

MEMORANDUM OF AUDITOR GENERAL WITH REFERENCE TO THE FORE-
GOING "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS."

Laid on the Table of the House, May 13th, 1856, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORANDUM.

WITH reference to the "Financial Statements" which show the partnership accounts between the Provinces, it seems desirable that the following remarks should be brought under the consideration of the Government.

In the "Financial Statement" for the six months ending 31st December last, the net Revenue is charged with the Civil List, and the Votes of Appropriation for six months; and the surplus remaining is divided among the Provinces.

The Votes of Appropriation however will, it is supposed, be generally in excess of the actual Expenditure; because the supplementary votes for the expenses which are incurred without the authority of the Act of Appropriation, have borne no reference to the savings of those services where the expenditure has been less than the provision,—for the very obvious reason that the amount of savings cannot be determined until the accounts for at least six months after the Financial year have come in.

In the forthcoming Estimates it is proposed to continue the previous arrangement by bringing all expenses of the years 1855-6, which were unprovided for into a Supplementary Estimate, and at the same time, as a part set off, to shew, as portion of the Revenue, the savings of the preceding years.

This appears to the Auditor General to get rid of a difficulty with respect to the "savings," and does not break through the great principle that the expenditure on *every* service should be included in a vote of the House;—and it gets rid of the technical difficulty of "what is to become of monies which, having been duly appropriated by vote, have *not been expended*"—by subjecting such savings again to the appropriation of the House. For under the Constitution Act, they would not perhaps be distributable among the Provinces.

To illustrate what is meant, it may be stated, that it is found that the savings on account of the year ending 30th June, 1855, amount to £5,008 18s. 4d., while the expenditure in excess for the same period is £3,174 18s. 5d.—It is proposed to take a vote for the latter, and to bring the former sum into the Estimated Revenue.

If the Government concur in this view, it will be necessary to recite the amount of savings in the Appropriation Bill, as part of the available revenues of the year.

(Signed)

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