APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ON THE TREASURY STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1859-60.

In the Treasury Statements under examination, all arrears, whether of receipt or expenditure, belonging to previous years, are shewn as transactions of the year 1859-60; except in those instances in which sufficient sums had been specially reserved to meet outstanding liabilities. This arrangement necessarily follows from the practice of finally closing the accounts three months after the termination of the financial year. The arrears are, however, trifling in amount, and call for no remark. £49,503 15s. 11d. of the guaranteed Loan of £500,000, and £12,924 7s. 6d. of the Provincial Land Purchase Funds, have been used in aid of the Colonial Chest. Besides these funds, the Deposits belonging to Intestate Estates, and the sum of £8,133 9s. 1d. claimed by the British Government, have also been made available for general purposes. This will be apparent by striking out of the Debtor side of the Balance Sheet the following items:—

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Revenue belonging to year 1860-61	35,843	14	10
Balance of Civil List	6,206	10	10
Do. of Reserve Fund	10,029	5	5
Surplus Revenue of Provinces	21,057	13	11
Land Revenue Account	16,843	17	10
Promissory Notes	3,254	12	8
Sinking Fund	17,946	19	2
	£111,182	14	8

And then striking out of the Creditor side:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hands of Accountants	36,862	5	8
Do. do. Land Receivers	16,843	17	10
Advances, less Loans to Natives, say	6,158	4	8
Do. to Provinces	17,036	1	2
Interest on Loan Account	370	13	7
British Treasury, Interest and Sinking Fund	13,140	5	0
Auckland Reserves Act	1,565	2	7
Bay of Islands Settlement Act	1,212	12	9
Union Bank of Australia	671	0	0
3 per cent. Consols	17,321	19	2
	£111,182	2	5

The Balance Sheet would then stand as follows:—

On Debtor or Receipt side.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Guaranteed Loan of 500,000 in hand				49,503	15	11
Deposit claimed by British Government				8,133	9	1
Bank of Issue and other Deposits				1,242	5	2
Miscellaneous Deposits, including Intestate Estates				5,776	19	3
Balance of Land Purchase Funds						
Receipts	£23,011	9	6			
Investments	10,087	2	0			
				12,924	7	6
				£77,580	16	11

On Creditor or Disbursement Side.

	£	s.	d.
Expenditure without Legal Appropriation—			
" Supplementary Expenditure	36,537	14	1
" War Expenses, &c.	25,043	14	2
" Steam Loan to Pearson and Co., amount outstanding ...	10,750	0	0
" Loans to Natives, &c., (say)	4,000	0	0
Advances on account of Imperial share of Steam Subsidy	1,250	0	0
	£77,581	8	3