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PROVINCIAL LOANS.

the honor to inform you that the Government agree to your proposal, on condition that the Province pays the expense of the exchange on London.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED DOMETT.

His Honor the Superintendent, Taranaki.

No. 5.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office, Nw Plymouth, 20th July, 1863.

I have the honor to inform you that some of the Debentures issued under the "Loan Ordinance, 1863," will probably be remitted to England by the next mail, and to inquire if the Government has made arrangements with the Bank of New Zealand for the payment of the interest on them at the Bank of New Zealand, London, where the interest is made payable on Debentures to the amount of forty thousand pounds (£40,000), the remaining Debentures for ten thousand pounds (£10,000) having the interest payable at the Provincial Treasury, New Plymouth.

I beg to remind you that the interest has been made payable in London at the suggestion and strong recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, in your presence, and which I understood you

to concur in.

I have, &c.,

CHARLES BROWN, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

No. 6.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Auckland, 25th July, 1863.

(No. 294.)

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Honor's letter, dated the 20th instant, on the subject of the payment of Interest in London on Debentures issued under the "Loan Ordinance, 1863," and in reply, to inform you that arrangements will be made with the Bank of New Zealand for the payment of the Interest on the Debentures for £40,000 by the Bank in London, but that it is requisite that your Honor should furnish to this Department a statement giving particulars as to when the Interest falls due, and also a few printed copies of the Loan Ordinance.

The terms for remitting and paying have not yet been agreed upon with the Bank, but will be

arranged as soon as possible, and communicated to your Honor.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED DOMETT.

His Honor, the Superintendent, Taranaki.

No. 7.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANAKI, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Superintendent's Office, New Plymouth, 21st August, 1863.

(No. 86.)

Sir,—

Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copies of the "Loan Ordinance, 1863," copies of the Debentures issued under it, with my signature, and that of the Provincial Secretary, but otherwise cancelled, that the Bank may have the signatures to compare with.

The Interest is payable half-yearly, on the 1st October, and 1st April in each year. Many persons will for some time prefer drawing the interest here, and I shall therefore feel much obliged if the General Government will authorise the Sub-Treasurer to pay to the Provincial Treasurer the amount of Interest represented from time to time by the Coupons handed over by the Provincial Treasurer, during the period in which the Interest is guaranteed by the General Government.

I have, &c.

CHARLES BROWN, Superintendent.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary,