

All these have been paid by trustees and others, the Westland portion to the Court and Sub-Treasurer; the Christchurch fees have for the most part appeared through my books. The proportion due under the Amendment Act of 1865 I paid into the Bank of New Zealand, to the credit of the Colonial Treasurer, the new Sub-Treasurer, Mr. Hamilton, not having made arrangements to receive them. The fees due to the Court under the Act of 1862, amounting to £197 12s. 8d., I sent to the Registrar, but he would not receive them at my hands, stating it was irregular, and they must be paid in by trustees, or else by a solicitor upon affidavit.

As both these modes entail expense, I have placed the amount into the Bank of New Zealand, and now respectfully seek your instructions as to the disposal of the same.

These fees will of necessity often pass through the hands of Inspectors, who can hardly refuse them, more especially as they have to keep a register of all amounts paid. I respectfully suggest, therefore, that instructions should be given to Registrars of the Supreme Court to receive any fees tendered them by Inspectors free of cost, and upon a plain form, setting forth the estate they belong to, and gross amount on which the same are calculated.

In conclusion, I beg to say that I have received every assistance from His Honor Judge Gresson.

The Hon. E. W. Stafford,
Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

I have, &c.,
JAS. E. GRAHAM,
Inspector for Canterbury.

No. 33.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. R. G. FOUNTAIN to the INSPECTOR IN BANKRUPTCY, Canterbury.
Colonial Secretary's Office (Judicial Branch,)

SIR,—

Wellington, 30th July, 1866.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the number and date quoted in the margin, and in reply am directed to inform you that the questions referred to therein are under the consideration of Government.

The Inspector in Bankruptcy, Canterbury.

I have, &c.,
R. G. FOUNTAIN,
(For the Assistant Law Officer.)