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NEW ZEALAND.

MEMORANDUM RE POSITION OF MR. JOSHUA JONES.

Laid on the Table by the Hon. Mr. Hall, with the leave of the House.

REPLIES to QUESTIONS put to the NATIVE MINISTER in the House of Representatives on the 16th October relative to Mr. JOSHUA JONES's connection with the Public Service.

MR. JOSHUA JONES has been to some extent recognized as an agent of the Government, but not as a Government official. There is no correspondence to show the specific nature of the services he has performed. The following are the amounts, and dates of payment:—

	£	s.	d.
Gratuity for services, 27th September, 1878	120	0	0
For services at Mokau and Kopua Native meeting, 20th May, 1879 ...	20	0	0
Bonus for services performed for Native Department at Mokau during 1878 and 1879, 4th September, 1879	250	0	0
Total	£390	0	0

There are no records in the Native Office showing the specific services performed by Mr. Jones. So far as I am aware, the above amounts have been paid in connection with the opening up of the Mokau District, in which he is said to have exercised considerable influence with the Natives.

T. W. LEWIS,
Under Secretary.

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