

WELLINGTON.

SIR,—

Office of School Commissioners, Wellington, 25th February, 1880.

I have the honor to inform you, in reply to your circular, No. 45, of 19th December last, that with the exception of certain matters dealt with in my letters, as in the margin,* the Commissioners have nothing to report specially as to their administration of the Education Reserves Act, 1877, during the year 1879. I have further the honor to inform you that the bye-laws framed last year are still in force, subject to the points raised as referred to in my letter of the 23rd December, 1879, and amended by the resolution of 29th January, 1880, having reference to the Committee appointed at a full meeting of the Commissioners held on the above date. A copy of this resolution was transmitted you with my letter of 23rd instant.

A copy of the bye-laws referred to above was sent you on the 5th May, 1879, with my letter of that day numbered 114/79.

I have, &c.,

The Secretary for Education.

W. H. WARREN, Secretary to the Commissioners.

* 23rd December, 1879, and 23rd February, 1880.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st December, 1879.

Receipts.

	Primary Edu- cation Reserves.	Secondary Edu- cation Reserves.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance on 1st January, 1879—	133 14 7	16 14 6	150 9 1
Arrears due 1st Jan., 1879, collected in year 1879—			
(1.) Rents, profits or receipts of reserves ...	121 8 5	...	123 18 5
(2.) Other receipts ...	2 10 0	...	
Moneys payable and collected within year 1879—			
(1.) Rents, &c., of reserves ...	356 13 10	20 0 0	376 13 10
(2.) Other receipts ...	0 9 6	...	0 9 6
Secondary education—Expenditure charged in 1878, transferred to debit of Primary Education ...	...	1 7 6	1 7 6
Primary Education—Expenditure charged in 1878, transferred to debit of Secondary Education ...	0 2 0	...	0 2 0
Total receipts ...	£614 18 4	£98 2 0	£653 0 4

Expenditure.

	Total.
	£ s. d.
By Office—Salaries and allowances to Officers ...	62 10 0
Printing, stationery, &c. ...	9 9 0
Office seats ...	2 12 6
Expenses of leasing—Auctioneer's commission, advertising, and other expenses ...	67 11 0
Arrears 1878—amount written off ...	2 10 0
Primary Education, per contra ...	0 2 0
Secondary Education, per contra ...	1 7 6
Balance in Bank ...	506 18 4
Total expenditure ...	£653 0 4

Arrears.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Arrears due on 31st December 1879—			
(1.) Arrears at 31st December, 1878, still unpaid ...	44 0 2	...	44 0 2
(2.) Arrears of payments due within year 1879 ...	78 15 6	3 0 0	81 15 6
Total arrears ...	£122 15 8	£3 0 0	£125 15 8

Liabilities or Engagements.

	£ s. d.
Fencing, and other expenses ...	£60 0 0
Total liabilities ...	£60 0 0