

1886.
NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

(REPORT OF THE) ON DR. POLLEN'S CLAIM FOR PENSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM 3RD JULY, 1873, TO 30TH OCTOBER, 1876, TOGETHER WITH MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AND EVIDENCE, AND APPENDIX.

Report brought up 20th July, 1886, and ordered to be printed.

REFERENCE FROM THE TREASURY.

(No. 154.)

In pursuance of the resolution of the House of the 8th July, 1870, the Colonial Treasurer transmits to the Public Accounts Committee the papers (85/2257) relative to the Hon. Dr. Pollen's retiring allowance, with the request that the Committee will take into its consideration and report upon Dr. Pollen's claim for payment of retiring allowance for the period 3rd July, 1873, to 30th, October, 1876.

The Treasury, Wellington, 8th June, 1886.

JULIUS VOGEL,
Colonial Treasurer.

REPORT.

THE Public Accounts Committee, having received from the Colonial Treasurer a memorandum dated the 8th June, 1886, transmitting papers (85/2257) relative to the Hon. Dr. Pollen's retiring allowance, and requesting the Committee to report upon Dr. Pollen's claim for payment of retiring allowance for the period from the 3rd July, 1873, to the 30th October, 1876, have the honour to report,—

That they have carefully considered the claim and the previous papers connected therewith—namely, B.-17, Appendix to Journals, House of Representatives, 1880; No. 13, Session II., Legislative Council Appendix, 1884; and Report of Public Accounts Committee, Appendix, House of Representatives, 1881—and find that Dr. Pollen was one of the Ministry from the 12th May, 1873, to the 13th October, 1877; that he held the offices for which his pension is now claimed till the 30th October, 1876, and resigned them on that date in consequence of "The Disqualification Act, 1876," coming into operation; that he could at any time between 1873 and 1876 have resumed the said offices; and that he could have no claim for pension until they were actually resigned.

The Committee therefore see no reason for reopening the question of pension allowed to Dr. Pollen, or for recommending payment of the retiring allowance referred to in your memorandum.
20th July, 1886. F. J. Moss, Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Peacock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Reference from the Treasury, dated the 8th June, 1886, and signed by Sir Julius Vogel, read by Clerk.

The Committee then adjourned till Thursday, at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1886.

The Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. Moss (Chairman), Hon. Major Atkinson, Mr. Barron, Mr. Dargaville, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Wilson.