

corporations, and containing a record of all transactions in respect thereof, showing how such securities, mortgages, bonds, bills, or notes have been realised, released, compounded, discharged, or otherwise dealt with.

2. The securities, mortgages, bonds, bills, and notes above referred to which still remain in the possession, custody, or control of the bank.

3. The books of the bank containing all letters, telegrams, or other writings or documents, whether written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, and whether shown by press copies or otherwise, from the bank to any of the said members of the Ministry, or any one on his or their behalf; and the original of all letters, telegrams, and other documents received from any one or more of them, or any person or persons, corporation or corporations, on his or their behalf, in any way relating to the several matters before mentioned.

4. The several balance-sheets of the bank as made up for the half-years from and inclusive of that ended the 31st March, 1887, up to and inclusive of that ended the 31st March, 1890.

5. The original agreement in force on the 1st October, 1887, and any since made or in force after that date and prior to the 1st July, 1890, between the bank and the Colonial Treasurer with reference to the public accounts of the colony.

6. The tables of rates of interest on fixed deposits notified as allowed by the bank, whether alone or by arrangement with any other banks in the colony.

7. The original letters, memoranda, telegrams, and writings received by the bank from the Colonial Treasurer since the 1st October, 1887, till the 1st July, 1890; and copies of all letters, memoranda, telegrams, and writings from the bank to the Colonial Treasurer; and the original agreement or agreements made between the bank and the Colonial Treasurer within the period mentioned having reference to the rate of interest from time to time, or at any time, payable, or to be allowed or credited by the bank on balances beyond the amount or amounts mentioned in the agreement for the time being in force as interest-bearing balances.

8. (a.) The books of the bank kept at Auckland and at Wellington, including the original copies of those of the London branch, containing the original and all the other entries since the 1st October, 1887, giving particulars of the public accounts of the colony, as referred to and dealt with in the agreement or agreements between the bank and the Colonial Treasurer, and all other accounts, if any, in which any of the public funds of the colony were dealt with since the date mentioned; and weekly and other balances of such accounts, the rates allowed and the amounts credited for interest, the rates allowed and the amounts credited for fixed deposits, the rates and the amounts charged for remittances; and also showing the particulars of all securities, bills, debentures, or coupons lodged as security, or on deposits, or for custody; and

(b.) The books or other documents or returns which may show the total moneys and securities respectively belonging to the public accounts included in each of the half-yearly balance-sheets issued by the bank within the last three years.

9. The minute-books containing the original and all other entries made at or after the meetings of the directors of the bank since the 1st January, 1887.

10. All letters, telegrams, memoranda, and other writings and documents received by the directors or the general or acting-manager or other officer of the bank from Sir Frederick Whitaker, and the press or other copies of all letters, telegrams, memoranda, and other writings and documents from the directors or the general or acting-manager or other officer of the bank to Sir Frederick Whitaker, with reference to the resignation by him of his position as director of the bank.

11. All other books, records, letters, memoranda, writings, or documents, whether written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, relating in any way to the dealings of any member of the present Ministry with the bank, or in respect of his position as a customer, guarantor, shareholder, or director of the bank; and all copies of telegrams, letters, and other communications to, and the originals of all telegrams, letters, and other communications from, the Agent-General of New Zealand—whether in ordinary language, or by code-words, cipher, or cryptography, with the keys to such—relative to the position of the bank, or in any way relating to the bank since October, 1887.

Mr. J. MURRAY to Mr. E. WIThey, M.H.R.

(Telegram.)

Kaukapapapa, 16th July, 1890.

RECEIVED your telegram here at half-past eight last night. Have sent it to bank at Auckland, that needful steps in compliance with requirements of Committee may be taken at once. If requirements of section one, two, and three are to be fully and literally complied with the preparations will take a long time—impossible to say how long—I should think some weeks at least, as persons named have had dealings with bank for many years—Sir F. Whitaker, for instance, for, I believe, twenty-eight. To produce all books of accounts means about seventy large ledgers, and to look out for books containing letters and telegrams, and to look over bank's large accumulation of these for many years, in order to discover what letters and telegrams there may be, is hardly practicable at any reasonable time and expense. I would respectfully submit whether requirements of Committee might not be sufficiently met if limit as to time past were named, as in the case of the public accounts—say, 1st October, 1887. Does the sentence, "or in conjunction with any other person or persons," in your telegram mean or include the firms in which the persons named are or have been partners? if so, this would add immensely to the work, and indispensable time required if no reasonable limit as to past time is named.

JOHN MURRAY.

MEMORANDUM from Mr. G. HUTCHISON, M.H.R., to Mr. E. WIThey, M.H.R.

Parliamentary Buildings, 16th July, 1890.

WITH the desire to save as far as possible the production of unnecessary books, involving, perhaps, inconvenience to the bank, I would ask you to limit the range (under the order to Mr.