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LETTER FROM THE AUDITOR-GENERAL RELATIVE TO
THE LATE PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE COMMISSIONERS'
MEMORANDUM.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The CONTROLLER and AUDITOR-GENERAL to the Hon. the PREMIER.

SIR,—

Audit Office, Wellington, 6th July, 1891.

I have no desire to take further notice of the memorandum of the late Commissioners on the Public Trust Office (H.—3B) than to prevent Parliament being misled by a misstatement of fact.

It is not the fact that any of the items mentioned on page 3 of the memorandum as being written off the amount without being referred to Parliament have been so dealt with.

1. Expenses in connection with confirmed leases, £824 9s. 3d.: £500 was voted last year, and £500 is on the estimates this year to cover all such charges.

2. Interest paid to E. Hackett, £20 17s. 7d.: £21 was voted last year to meet this.

3. Amounts paid on account of estates, £164 14s. 11d.: These advances are made under the authority of the 9th section of "The Public Trust Office Act, 1876."

The two remaining items were issued as "unauthorised," and therefore come under the approval of Parliament in the Appropriation Act.

I have, &c.,

JAMES EDWARD FITZGERALD,

The Hon. the Premier.

Controller and Auditor-General.

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