

1898.
NEW ZEALAND.

AUDIT OFFICE AND RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF £15,000 FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS VOTES
TO THE VOTE FOR WORKING RAILWAYS.)

Laid on the Table by the Hon. the Speaker.

Audit Office, 14th October, 1898.

THE Controller and Auditor-General has the honour most respectfully to report to the House of Representatives that a transfer which is entered in the Public Accounts for last financial year of £15,000 from the public-works votes to the credit of the vote for working railways, in respect of a sale of stores by the Department of Working Railways, was considered by the Audit Office to be a transaction of doubtful legality, but that the Audit Office decided to pass the transfer in the conclusion that the doubt was sufficient to justify the Audit Office in doing so and reporting the case to Parliament.

And the Controller and Auditor-General has further the honour most respectfully to submit to the House of Representatives a copy of the correspondence relating to such transfer.

J. K. WARBURTON,

Controller and Auditor-General.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

COPY of CORRESPONDENCE relating to a Voucher passed by the Audit Office on the 5th March, 1898, for the Transfer of £15,000 from the Public-works Votes to the Votes for Working Railways.—(69523.)

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Transfer.</i>		<i>Folio.</i>		<i>£</i>
Public Works Fund—						
Vote 83	...	...	...	2804	...	12,000
" 89	...	...	...	{ 2812	...	3,000
				{ 2863	...	
						<u>£15,000</u>
<i>Cr.</i>						
Consolidated Fund, Ordinary Revenue (Credits)—						
Vote 60 (5/376)	...	...	...	749	...	15,000
						<u>£15,000</u>

Treasury, 28th February, 1898.
(Stamp.)

R. J. COLLINS,

Accountant to the Treasury.

Examined and passed—J. C. GAVIN, Assistant Controller and Auditor-General, 6th [referred to in correspondence as 5th] March, 1898.

(Signed)—JAS. B. HEYWOOD, Secretary to the Treasury.