

STATEMENT showing the NET ISSUES from the GOVERNMENT LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES ACCOUNT for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st MARCH, 1901, compared with the Amount voted under "The Appropriation Act, 1900."

VOTE.	—	ISSUED.						VOTED.	AMOUNT UNISSUED.	ISSUED IN EXCESS.	
		Expenditure.		Credits.	Net Expenditure.		Advances.				Total.
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.					
119	THE GOVERNMENT LOANS TO LOCAL BODIES AC- COUNT:—										
	Roads and Bridges, &c., to open up Crown Lands	37,515	4 4	124 19 0	37,390 5 4	7,091 2 6	44,481 7 10	£	s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Total	37,515	4 4	124 19 0	37,390 5 4	7,091 2 6	44,481 7 10	49,800 0 0	5,318 12 2	£ s. d.	
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The Treasury, Wellington, 26th April, 1901.

JAMES B. HEYWOOD,
Secretary to the Treasury.

ROBERT J. COLLINS,
Accountant to the Treasury

EXAMINED and found correct subject to the following remarks:—

- The under-mentioned amounts paid during the financial year and charged against "Unauthorised—Services not provided for," are not included in the estimates for the year, as required by section 37 of the Public Revenues Act:—
(a.) £50, being the amount by which £150, paid out of the Public Works Fund in respect of the Khandallah Bridge as unauthorised expenditure in anticipation of the Appropriation Act, exceeds the sum of £100 included in the estimates.
(b.) £17,866 14s. 9d., being sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of charter of steamers to South Africa as unauthorised expenditure in anticipation of the Appropriation Act.
(c.) £7,020 4s. 3d., being sums paid out of the Consolidated Fund under authority of Imprest Supply for charter of ship to South Africa, &c.
- The expenditure under "Vote 42, Marine, Miscellaneous," comprises the expenditure during the financial year for the performance by the s.s. "Tutanekai" of the service to Cook Islands in May and June, 1900.

THE following remarks may be added in explanation of the comments made by the Audit Office as above:—

- (a.) By mistake, Parliament was asked to vote £100 instead of £150.
(b.) and (c.) The Audit Office should have mentioned that a vote for a net sum of £1,000 was taken for these services. It was specially worded so as to provide for recoveries, but the Audit Office decided that no more than the amount voted could be charged, therefore the sums were transferred to "Unauthorised" until credits are ascertained.
- The expenditure was incurred and charged last year, and, in order to meet contingencies of this kind in the future, the vote for the expenses of the Government steamers has been taken to include their services either within or without the colony.

J. K. WARBURTON,
Controller and Auditor-General.

R. J. SEDDON,
Colonial Treasurer.

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