1902. NEW ZEALAND.

PUBLIC REVENUES ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1900":

(CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF PENSION TO WIDOW OF LIEUT.-COLONEL FRANCIS.)

Laid on the Table in compliance with Section 9 of "The Public Revenues Acts Amendment Act, 1900.

CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR-GENERAL to the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE Controller and Auditor-General has the honour respectfully to submit to the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of "The Public Revenues Acts Amendment Act, 1900," a copy of correspondence in a case under that section, where, the Audit Office having declined to pass the vouchers necessary to the payment of a pension under "The Military Pensions Act, 1866," to the widow of Lieut. Colonel Frederick Wyatt Francis, deceased, on the ground that such pension could not legally be granted under that Act, the Governor determined that he pension may be granted to Mrs. Francis, and the expenditure in respect thereof charged to the appropriations under the Act. J. K. WARBURTON,

Controller and Auditor-General.

Audit Office, 27th August, 1902.

No. 1.

Declaration of Catherine Julia Francis in respect of Her Claim to Pension and Allowances as the Widow of Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Wyatt Francis, V.D.

Christchurch, New Zealand.

Widows' Pensions and Allowances under "The Military Pensions Extension to Contingents Act. 1900."

Name of Widow and Children.	Date of Birth of Child.	Present Age of Child.	Period.		Yearly	Amount.	Number	Entered in
			From	То	Rate.	Amount.	Cheque.	Folio
Catherine Julia Francis Evelyn L. G. Francis Alice M. G. Francis Elsie L. G. Francis Allen Wyatt Francis	24/9/1881 13/11/1887 6/1/1891 3/1/1896	 19 13 10 5	1901. April 1 " " "	1901. June 30 " "	120 20 20 20 20 20 20	£ 50		

I, Catherine Julia Francis, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am entitled to the sum of £50, being the amount of my pension and allowance for the quarter ending on the last day of June, 1901; that I was the lawful wife of Frederick Wyatt Francis, V.D., late a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Fourth New Zealand Contingent, and that I have had no other pension, allowance, or provision made to me by the Government of New Zealand besides my pension as above claimed, and that I have not remarried.

And I further solemnly and sincerely declare that the abovementioned children of the late Frederick Wyatt Francis were severally alive on the 1st day of April, 1901.