

1856.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

CORRESPONDENCE

RELATIVE TO THE COST OF THE ERECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT AUCKLAND.

Laid on the table of the House 19th June, 1856, and ordered to be Printed.

Superintendent's Office, Auckland,
22nd, May, 1856.

SIR,—Understanding that the Estimates of the General Government, are in course of preparation for transmission to the House of Representatives, I have the honor to request that you will make provision for the repayment to this Government of the sum of £750, which was placed on the Provincial Estimates for the purpose of procuring sufficient furniture to enable his Excellency the Governor to occupy a portion of the new Government House, the sum of £500 voted by the General Assembly last Session having been insufficient for the purpose.

I have also the honor to request that you will inform me whether the General Government are prepared to take over the Government House, re-imbursing this Government for the cost thereof, namely £13,880.

In the event of the General Government declining to do so, it will be necessary that provision be made on the Estimates to liquidate the rent of Government House, which will, in such case, become payable to this Government, and will amount to the sum of £1,538 as per margin.*

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. LOGAN CAMPBELL,
Superintendent.

The Honorable
the Colonial Secretary.
&c., &c., &c.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,
27th May, 1856.

SIR,—I have the honor, by the direction of his Excellency the Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, No. 74, relative to a sum being placed on the Estimates for the repayment to the Provincial Government of the cost of building the Government House, &c., and to inform you, the subject shall receive the careful consideration of the Government, and that your Honor will be further communicated with as soon as a decision is arrived at.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN HALL,
Colonial Secretary.

His Honor
the Superintendent,
Auckland.

* Cost of Government House	..	..	..	..	£13,880
Interest on Debentures at 10 per cent.	..	..	..	..	1,388
Insurance	..	..	..	..	150
					£1,538