

Hon. Mr. Allen.

PUBLIC REVENUES AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Public Revenues Act, 1910.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Public Revenues Amendment Act, 1913, and shall form part of and be read together with the Public Revenues Act, 1910 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
- 10 2. Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "who shall take all such steps as he thinks fit," and substituting the words "and shall take all such steps as it thinks fit." Section 15 of principal Act amended.
- 15 3. Section twenty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Treasury" wherever it occurs, and substituting the words "Paymaster-General." Section 29 of principal Act amended.

Section 30 of
principal Act
amended.

4. Section thirty of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Treasury," and substituting the words "Paymaster-General."

Section 33 of
principal Act
amended.

5. Section thirty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "the Treasury directs," and substituting the words "the Receiver-General directs: Provided that a Receiver may, for the convenience of accounting, pay such moneys to another Receiver in such manner and at such times as the Receiver-General directs"; and by repealing subsection two.

Section 34 of
principal Act
amended.

6. Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Treasury," and substituting the words "Receiver-General."

Section 35 of
principal Act
amended.

7. Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Treasury" wherever it occurs, and substituting the words "Receiver-General"; by omitting the words "in the order of date, every sum of money received and every sum," and substituting the words "all moneys received and"; and by inserting, after the words "send to the Receiver-General," the words "or such other officer as the Receiver-General from time to time directs."

Section 39 of
principal Act
amended.

8. Section thirty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a.) By omitting from subsection three all words after the word "prescribes";

(b.) By inserting in subsection four, after the words "Auditor-General," the words "or, if issued in London, then by the High Commissioner and the Audit Officer referred to in section seventy-five hereof"; and

(c.) By omitting from subsection five the words "in or out of New Zealand."

Section 51 of
principal Act
amended.

9. Section fifty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word "Treasury" where it occurs in the first and second instances, and in each case substituting the words "Paymaster-General"; by omitting the words "when certified," and substituting the words "shall be certified"; and by omitting all words after the word "respectively."

Section 52 of
principal Act
amended.

10. Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "on being authorized by the Treasury"; and by omitting from subsections two and three the word "Treasury," and substituting the words "Paymaster-General."

Section 53 of
principal Act
amended.

11. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one, after the word "vote," the words "fund or account"; and by omitting from subsection two the words "the close of business on Saturday in each week, or at such longer intervals," and substituting the words "such intervals."

Section 54 of
principal Act
amended.

12. Section fifty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three the words "one hundred thousand pounds," and substituting the words "one hundred and fifty thousand pounds."

Section 57 of
principal Act
amended.

13. Section fifty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "the close of business on the Saturday in each week, and at such other times," and substituting the words "such times,"

14. Section fifty-nine of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.
15. Section sixty of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and Repeal.
the following substituted in lieu thereof:—
- 5 “60. The Paymaster-General shall from time to time forward Paymaster-General
to the Audit Office a schedule, in the form numbered (5) in the to prepare schedule
Schedule hereto, of all paid vouchers.” of paid vouchers.
- 10 16. Subsection one of section sixty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (d) the words “the voucher has been duly received,” and substituting the words “a receipt has been duly given.” Section 61 of
principal Act
amended.
17. Section sixty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 62 of
by omitting from paragraph (c) the words “when signed by the principal Act
Minister.” amended.
- 15 18. (1.) Subsection one of section sixty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in paragraph (e), after the word Section 65 of
“default,” the word “negligence”; and by inserting, after the principal Act
words “to be in default,” the words “or responsible.” amended.
- (2.) The said section sixty-five is also amended by adding the following subsection:—
- 20 “(3.) If any person having possession or control of any public Prosecution of
moneys fraudulently applies, or causes or permits the same or any defaulters.
part thereof to be so applied, to other than public services, or is a defaulter in respect of any such moneys, the Audit Office shall forth-
with take all such steps as it thinks fit to prosecute the offender
25 according to law, but nothing herein shall prevent the prosecution of such person by any person other than the Audit Office.”
19. Section seventy-four of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 74 of
by omitting from subsection three the words “on being authorized principal Act
by the Treasury.” amended.
- 30 20. Section seventy-five of the principal Act is hereby Section 75 of
amended— principal Act
amended.
- (a.) By omitting from subsection one all words after the words
35 “in all other cases,” and substituting the words “shall be charged by way of ‘general services’ against the particular fund or account for which the money is required:—
- 40 “Provided that the total amount for the time being outstanding in the books of the Treasury and Audit Office for ‘general services’ shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand pounds”; and
- (b.) By adding to subsection two the words “in respect of the particular fund or account.”
21. Section seventy-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended Section 78 of
by inserting, after the words “every month,” the words “or more principal Act
45 frequently as required by the Treasury.” amended.
22. Subsection two of section eighty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (f). Section 84 of
principal Act
amended.
23. (1.) The Audit Office may from time to time inspect and Powers of Audit
examine the books and accounts of any person who is, for the time Office as to payment
50 being, liable for the payment to the Crown of any royalties under any of royalties.
lease or license.

(2.) The Controller and Auditor-General shall include in the report to be prepared by him, pursuant to subsection two of section eighty-four of the principal Act, a statement as to all royalties payable to the Crown and for the time being unpaid, setting forth in respect of such royalties—

(a.) The name of the person by whom the same are payable ;

(b.) The amount payable by each such person ; and

(c.) The steps (if any) that have been taken to recover the said royalties, and, if no such steps have been taken, the reasons for allowing the said royalties to remain out-
standing.

Section 86 of
principal Act
amended.

24. Section eighty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Advances Office," the words "and such other Departments or offices of the Public Service as are from time to time declared by the Governor in Council to come within the provisions of this section."

Section 92 of
principal Act
amended.

25. Subsection one of section ninety-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "State Fire Insurance Department," the words "or such other Departments or offices of the Public Service as are declared by the Governor in Council to come within the provisions of section eighty-six hereof"; and by inserting, after the words "General Manager," the words "or the permanent head of the Department or office."

Section 118 of
principal Act
amended.

26. Section one hundred and eighteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "but does not include a City or Borough Council."

Returns under Act
may be presented
separately or
together.

27. Returns relating to the Public Account which are required by this Act to be presented to Parliament may be so presented, either separately or together, as may be determined by the Treasury.

Schedule to
principal Act
amended.

28. The Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a.) By repealing the forms numbered (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10), and substituting the forms in the Schedule hereto bearing corresponding numbers ; and

(b.) By omitting from the heading to the form numbered (5) the word "Daily."

Application of
moneys for
rebuilding or
restoration of
public buildings
damaged by fire.

29. (1.) All sums from time to time paid to the Public Trustee out of the Consolidated Fund pursuant to section five of the Public Revenues Amendment Act, 1912, shall form part of the common fund of the Public Trust Office, and shall with the accumulations thereon be applied, without further appropriation than this section, in such amounts as may from time to time be approved by the Minister of Finance, to the rebuilding or restoration of public buildings destroyed or damaged by fire.

Repeal.

(2.) Subsection two of section five of the Public Revenues Amendment Act, 1912, is hereby repealed.

In case of
temporary
incapacity of
Paymaster-General
or Receiver-General,
Accountant to the
Treasury may act
in his stead.

30. In the case of the illness, absence from duty, or other temporary incapacity of the Paymaster-General or of the Receiver-General, the person for the time being occupying the position of Accountant in the Treasury shall have and may exercise and perform all the powers, functions, and duties of the Paymaster-General or the Receiver-General, as the case may be.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

(3.) ISSUE REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

Issue Requisition No.

To the Controller and Auditor-General. Treasury, , 19 .

IN accordance with the provisions of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, I hereby require that the several sums under the heads of service herein specified, amounting in the whole to the sum of , shall be issued and paid out of the Public Account.

					£	s.	d.
Consolidated Fund			
Public Works Fund			
[Or as the case may be.]							
Total			

Bank Order No. accompanying this requisition.

Countersigned—

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Controller and Auditor-General.

.....
Paymaster-General.

(4.) BANK ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF PUBLIC MONEYS.

Bank Order No.

To the Manager of the Bank Treasury, 19

YOU are hereby authorized and required to pay out of the Public Account the cheques of the Paymaster-General at the several places and for the several amounts hereinafter named, amounting in the whole to the sum of .

Countersigned—

.....
Controller and Auditor-General.

.....
Paymaster-General.

Place.	Amount.
	£ s. d.
[Names of the several branches of the bank.]	

(6.) CREDIT REQUISITION.

Credit Requisition No.

To the Controller and Auditor-General. Treasury, , 19 .

IN accordance with the provisions of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, I hereby require that the several sums herein specified under the heads of service respectively specified, amounting in the whole to the sum of , shall be transferred in the accounts as hereunder specified :—

					Dr.	Cr.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Consolidated Fund		
Public Works Fund		
[Or as the case may be.]						
Total		

Countersigned—

.....
Controller and Auditor-General.

.....
Paymaster-General.

(7.) ISSUE REQUISITION FOR PAYMENT OF THE CHARGES OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.
New Zealand Public Account.

To the Controller and Auditor-General. Treasury, , 19 .
IN accordance with the provisions of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, I hereby require that the several sums under the heads of service hereinafter specified, amounting in the whole to the sum of , shall be issued out of the New Zealand Public Account.

Due Date.	Interest and Sinking Fund.	Amounts.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.

Bank Order No. accompanying this requisition.

Countersigned—

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Controller and Auditor-General.

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Paymaster-General.

(8.) BANK ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF THE CHARGES OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.
New Zealand Public Account.

Bank Order No.

To the Manager of the Bank of , in London.

Treasury, , 19 .

IN accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled the Public Revenues Act, 1910, you are hereby authorized and required, on the day of , 19 , to issue and pay to , in London, the sum of out of the New Zealand Public Account.

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Countersigned—

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Paymaster-General.

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Controller and Auditor-General.

(9.) REQUISITION FOR TRANSFER TO FOREIGN IMPREST ACCOUNT.
New Zealand Public Account.

Requisition for Transfer No.

To the Controller and Auditor-General.

Treasury, , 19 .

IN accordance with the provisions of the Public Revenues Act, 1910, I hereby require that the several sums under the heads of service herein specified, amounting in the whole to the sum of , shall be transferred from the New Zealand Public Account to the Foreign Imprest Account :—

	£	s.	d.
Consolidated Fund			
Public Works Fund			
[Or as the case may be.]			
Total			

Bank Order No. accompanying this requisition.

Countersigned—

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Controller and Auditor-General.

.....
Paymaster-General.

(10.) BANK ORDER FOR TRANSFER TO FOREIGN IMPREST ACCOUNT.

New Zealand Public Account.

Bank Order for Transfer No.

To the Manager of the Bank of _____, in London.

Treasury _____, 19

IN accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled the Public Revenues Act, 1910, you are hereby authorized and required to transfer the sum of _____ from the New Zealand Public Account to the Foreign Imprest Account.

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Paymaster-General.

Countersigned—

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Controller and Auditor-General.