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(Hon. Mr. Vogel.)

Public Revenues.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Public Revenues Act . ." Title.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the several Acts relating to the public moneys: Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Public Revenues Act, 1872." Short Title.

2. The Comptroller of the Public Account and the Auditor-General are hereby created joint "Commissioners of Audit," hereinafter called "the Commissioners," and all the powers and duties by law vested in and required to be performed by the said Comptroller and Auditor-General respectively, are hereby vested in and may be performed by the Commissioners, and everything which may be done by the Commissioners may be done by either of them severally. Commissioners of Control and Audit.

3. The account at the Bank, now called by law the Paymaster-General's Account, is hereby abolished, and all payments to be made in the public service shall be made by the cheque of the Paymaster-General upon and shall be paid out of the Public Account in pursuance of the order of the Commissioners on the Bank, countersigned by the Colonial Treasurer. Paymaster-General's Account abolished.

4. The forms in the Schedules A and B to this Act shall be used as the same respectively apply, instead of the forms in the Schedules B, C, and D to "The Public Revenues Act, 1867," which are hereby repealed. Schedules A and B.

5. The offices of Receiver-General and Paymaster-General may be held by the same officer of the Treasury. Receiver and Paymaster-General may be one.

6. The warrants of the Governor for the issue of money shall, before signature, be laid before the Commissioners, who shall certify Money not to be issued without Governor's warrant.

thereon that the issue therein directed is according to law, and it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners to issue any order for the payment of money out of the Public Account in excess of the warrants of the Governor in that behalf.

Imprests.

7. When money is required to be issued by way of imprest, 5
the requisition shall, whenever it is possible, state the vote or
other authority on account of which such money is required, and
such imprest shall be charged against such vote or other authority
unless and until such charge shall, upon receipt of the imprestee's
account, be altered by consent of the Commissioners. Imprests issued 10
for general service shall be charged to the proper vote or other
authority immediately on receipt of the imprestee's account. The
balance of imprests unaccounted for issued after the thirtieth June,
one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, shall never at any time
exceed fifty thousand pounds of moneys of the Consolidated Fund, 15
nor fifty thousand pounds of moneys of the Special Fund, and the
Commissioners shall limit the issues of imprest moneys accordingly.

Not to exceed £50,000
of Consolidated Fund,
and £50,000 of
Special Fund.

Imprests to be
accounted for every
Monday.

8. Every person receiving imprest moneys shall on every Monday
prepare and post to the Colonial Treasurer an account showing the
whole expenditure of such moneys during the previous week, and the 20
balance remaining unexpended, and shall support such account with all
such vouchers and other documents as are required by the Colonial
Treasurer or by the Commissioners. And the Colonial Treasurer shall
forthwith send every such account to the Commissioners.

Balance of imprests
to be refunded on
the 30th June.

9. Every person receiving imprest moneys shall, on the thirtieth 25
day of June in each year, pay the whole unexpended balance thereof
into the Public Account at the Bank, or, if there be no Bank within
reasonable distance, he shall then pay such moneys into the Public
Account in such manner as the Colonial Treasurer directs.

If accounts of
imprests not
rendered, salary to be
stopped.

10. If any such account shall not be received by the Colonial 30
Treasurer within one week after the arrival of the mail by which such
account ought to have been sent, it shall not be lawful for the
Commissioners to pass any order for the payment of further salary to
the person so neglecting to send in such account until the same is sent.
And no account shall be deemed to have been sent in unless it shall 35
be accompanied by the proper vouchers required in support thereof.

Of the interest upon
Trust Fund
securities.

11. It shall be the duty of the Commissioners to cause the
interest upon all securities belonging to the Public Trust Fund, to be
drawn when due and paid into the Public Trust Fund. So much of
such interest as is required to make up any deficiency in the balance 40
standing to the credit of an account in the Public Trust Fund, shall be
forthwith carried to the credit of such account, and the balance of the
interest on the said securities, after making up every such deficiency,
shall be returned to the Consolidated Fund as revenue. The securities
belonging to the Public Trust Fund shall be kept in the joint custody 45
of the Colonial Treasurer and the Commissioners.

Section 27 of the
Public Revenues Act
repealed.

12. The twenty-seventh section of "The Public Revenues Act,
1867," is repealed, and the following shall stand in the place thereof :—
"The Commissioners may from time to time, upon the requisition of
the Colonial Treasurer, issue money from the Public Account in excess 50
of or without the appropriation of Parliament, to an amount not
exceeding in the whole the sum of forty thousand pounds in any one
financial year, but all such issues made before or during the Session of
Parliament in any such year shall be included in the estimates laid
before Parliament during such Session." 55

Part of fifth division
of "The Public
Revenues Act, 1867."

13. The thirteenth and three following sections of this Act shall
be read as a part of the fifth division of "The Public Revenues Act,
1867."

New Zealand Public
Account beyond the
Colony.

14. All moneys the property of the Government of New Zealand
in any place beyond the Colony, shall be paid into an account, to be 60

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called the New Zealand Public Account, at such Bank or Banks as the Governor, or as any person or persons duly authorized by the Governor by warrant under his hand in that behalf, shall direct; and all payments to be made on behalf of the Government of New Zealand beyond the Colony, shall be made by such agent or agents as the Governor shall appoint for that purpose by cheque upon and shall be paid out of the New Zealand Public Account.

15. Such agent or agents shall, immediately after the close of each month, prepare and post to the Colonial Treasurer an account of all payments into and out of the New Zealand Public Account during such month, supported by all such vouchers and other documents as the Colonial Treasurer or the Commissioners may require. Foreign agents' monthly account.

16. Every Bank in which the New Zealand Public Account is kept shall, immediately after the close of each month, prepare and post to the Commissioners a bank sheet, showing the totals of the credit and debit sides of the New Zealand Public Account for such month, with the balance brought and carried forward respectively. Foreign Banks monthly bank sheet.

17. Whenever such agent or agents shall pay money out of the New Zealand Public Account by way of imprest for expenditure in the public service, the Imprestee thereof shall, immediately after the close of each month, prepare and post to the Colonial Treasurer an account showing the expenditure of all such moneys during such month, supported by all such vouchers and other documents as the Colonial Treasurer or the Commissioners may require. Such imprest shall be debited to a separate account, called the Foreign Imprest Account, and all duly authorized expenditure of such moneys shall, as soon as the account thereof is received, be credited to the Foreign Imprest Account, and charged against the proper vote or other authority; but it shall not be necessary to repay the balance of such moneys into the New Zealand Public Account at the end of the financial year. Foreign imprests.

18. This Act shall be read and construed as a part of "The Public Revenues Act, 1867," and of the several Acts amending the same and any provisions of the said Act or amending Acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. This Act to be part of Revenues Act, 1867.

19. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of July, 1872. To commence 1st July, 1872.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE A.

To the Commissioners of Audit.
Requisition No.

Fund.
Colonial Treasury,
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In accordance with the provisions of "The Public Revenues Act, 1867," and the several Acts amending the same, I hereby require that the several sums hereafter mentioned under the heads of service employed in appropriating the same amounting in the whole to the sum of _____, shall be issued and paid out of the Public Account.

Service.	Act Appropriating.	Amount.

Colonial Treasurer.
Commissioner of Audit.

SCHEDULE B.

Order No.

To the Manager of the Bank

You are hereby authorized and required to pay out of the Public Account the cheques of the Paymaster-General at the several places and to the several amounts hereinafter named:—

Bank.	Amount.		

Commissioner of Audit.

Colonial Treasurer.