

Public Revenues.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to provide for the Settlement of Disputes
between the Treasury and the Comptroller as to
the amount of the Balances at the Credit of the
Public Account.

WHEREAS by the forty-second section of "The Public Revenues Act 1867" hereinafter referred to as "the said Act" it is provided that the annual Appropriation Act or Acts passed by the General Assembly shall be deemed to authorize the issue and expenditure of such moneys only as shall be standing to the credit of the Public Account at the commencement of the financial year or other period to which such Act or Acts shall relate and as shall be paid into the Public Account during the course of such financial year or other period And whereas by reason of a difference in the mode of keeping the accounts in the Treasury and Comptroller's Office the amounts standing to the credit of the several branches of the Public Account as shown in the books of the Treasury and of the Office of the Comptroller respectively do now and are likely hereafter to differ And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for settling such difference from time to time

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 1869 (No. 2)."

2. If and whenever any dispute shall exist or arise between the Colonial Treasurer on the one hand and the Comptroller of the Public Account on the other as to what amounts have been or shall hereafter be from time to time standing to the credit of the Public Account or any of the branches thereof at the commencement of any financial year or other period to which any Appropriation Act shall relate or as to what amounts have been or shall hereafter be paid into the Public Account or any of the branches thereof from time to time during any such financial year the difference or dispute shall from time to time by an instrument in writing be referred by the Colonial Treasurer and the said Comptroller or either of them to the Auditor of the Public Accounts and the Auditor shall investigate the matter in dispute in such manner as he shall think fit and shall give his decision thereon and make a statement thereof in writing and forward to the Colonial Treasury and the Comptroller respectively a copy of such statement and such decision for all the purposes of the said Act shall thereafter be final and conclusive Provided that if on the Colonial Treasurer transmitting any requisition under "The Public Revenues Act 1867" to the said Comptroller any such dispute as aforesaid shall arise the Comptroller shall nevertheless pending the decision of the Auditor accept the statement of the Colonial Treasurer as to the amounts standing to the credit of the Public Account as true and correct and if the Comptroller shall have satisfied himself on the matters mentioned in the twenty-sixth section of the said Act he shall countersign the said requisition and sign and issue such order as in the said twenty-sixth section of the said Act is provided.

3. A copy of every instrument referring any such dispute and of the decision of the Auditor thereon shall be laid before each House of the General Assembly within ten days after the giving of such decision if the Assembly then be sitting if not then within ten days after the commencement of the Session of the General Assembly next ensuing the giving of such decision and the same shall if the House of Representatives so resolve be referred to any Select Committee of such House from time to time appointed to examine into questions relating to the Public Accounts.