

1853.

VICTORIA.

NATIONAL EDUCATION BOARD.

Return to Address,

THE AUDITOR GENERAL.—10TH NOVEMBER, 1853.

LAI'D UPON THE COUNCIL TABLE, BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

BY COMMAND OF

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

AND

ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL TO BE PRINTED,

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SCHEDULE.

Letter from the Chairman of the Board to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary respecting its Financial position.

8th November, 1853.

Letter from the Secretary of the Board to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary respecting its Financial Position.

21st November, 1853.

TABLES SHEWING,

No. 1.—The present position.

2.—The amount required to the end of 1853.

National Education Office,
Melbourne, 8th November, 1853.

SIR,

I have the honor, as Chairman of the Board of National Education, to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the enclosed statements of the present Financial Position of the Board, from which it will appear that the amount pledged by the Board, for the present year, exceeds the available funds at their disposal by two thousand six hundred and twenty-nine pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, and that (including that excess) a sum of eleven thousand one hundred and sixty-nine pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, as shewn by the accompanying statement, will almost certainly be required to carry out with efficiency the objects of the Board.

2. It may be necessary to state, in explanation of the deficiency of funds to cover the actual liabilities of the Board, that the Board, under the pressure of urgent claims, deemed that they would be justified in anticipating the grant of the Legislative Council for the year 1854, to a limited amount, under the belief that an available balance to the full amount of the deficit, would remain at the disposal of the Board at the termination of the year, in consequence of the whole sum pledged by them not being actually required for the service of the Board during the present year.

3. The Board have strongly felt that they could have adopted no other course without discouraging, to a most injurious extent, the efforts of various districts to establish new schools under the National System.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

J. F. PALMER,

Chairman of the Board of National Education.

The Honorable

The Colonial Secretary,

&c., &c., &c.

National Education Office,
Melbourne, 21st November, 1853.

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SIR,

No. 53 | 678.
£11,100 15s. 10d.

I am directed to recal your attention to the Financial Statements of the Liabilities and Means of the Board of National Education for the current year, enclosed in a letter from the Chairman of the Board of National Education, dated the 8th instant, from which it would appear that there is a deficiency amounting to eleven thousand one hundred and sixty-nine pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, and that, unless some further supply is granted, many claims must be postponed, and the operations of the Board be seriously fettered.

I am further to state, for His Excellency's information, that the following applications have been addressed to the Board since the date of the letter to which I have referred, viz.:—

1. For a National School at Cresswick's Creek.
2. For a National School at Beechworth.
3. That the School at Sale, already established, may be taken into connection with the National Board.
4. Ditto ditto at Belfast.
5. Ditto ditto at Carisbrook.
6. That the School at Pentridge may be enlarged to meet the increasing requirements of the District.
7. Applications have also been received by the Board for the establishment of Schools at the undermentioned places, the consideration of which has been necessarily postponed for the want of funds—
 Ballarat,
 Tarraville,
 Sandhurst,
 Daisy Hill.

It will thus appear that there are no less than ten localities in addition to those referred to in the statement previously made by the Board, from which aid has been solicited, but which the Board will be unable to meet unless the liberality of the Government and Legislature enables them to do so.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

BENJAMIN KANE,

Secretary to the Board.

The Honorable
The Colonial Secretary.

STATEMENT of the present Financial Position of the Board of National Education, shewing the Amount to the credit of the Board, and the Amount appropriated for all purposes, with the probable Deficiency at the end of the present Year.

| ASSETS. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Amount to the credit of the Board | 18205 18 10 | Model and Normal Schools (including Architects's commission) | 11770 10 0 |
| | | Bacchus Marsh School | 437 0 0 |
| | | Barwon | 349 10 0 |
| | | Bulla Bulla | 850 0 0 |
| | | Burn Bank | 500 0 0 |
| | | Collingwood | 1800 0 0 |
| | | Gisborne | 900 0 0 |
| | | Hawthorn | 1000 0 0 |
| | | Heidelberg | 900 0 0 |
| | | Sale, Gipps' Land | 400 0 0 |
| | | Pentridge | 28 14 8 |
| | | Plenty River... | 50 0 0 |
| | | Warrnambool | 40 0 0 |
| Estimated deficiency | 2629 15 10 | Salaries and allowances to Teachers | 19025 14 8 |
| | | Office department and miscellaneous | 1500 0 0 |
| | | | 310 0 0 |
| | | | £20835 14 8 |

(Signed)

BENJAMIN KANE,

Secretary to the Board.

National Education Office,

Melbourne, 8th November, 1853.

STATEMENT of the Amount that will probably be required to enable the BOARD OF NATIONAL EDUCATION to carry out their operations, with efficiency, to the end of the present year.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------|----|----|
| Erection of School Buildings at Broadmeadows | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| Erection of School Buildings at Castlemaine | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Erection of School Buildings at Heathcote | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Erection of School Buildings at Carisbrook | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Erection of School Buildings at Woodford | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Temporary School Buildings at South Melbourne and Sandridge ... | 340 | 0 | 0 |
| Additional Grant to the Collingwood School | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| Additional Grant to the Bacchus Marsh School | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Completing the first portion of the Model and Normal Schools, procuring Furniture and Apparatus, and Enclosing the Site... .. | 4000 | 0 | 0 |
| | 8540 | 0 | 0 |
| Add Estimated Deficiency, according to statement No. 1 | 2629 | 15 | 10 |
| | 11169 | 15 | 10 |
| Total Sum required £ | 11169 | 15 | 10 |

(Signed)

BENJAMIN KANE,
Secretary to the Board.

National Education Office,
Melbourne, 8th November, 1853.