

and of various statistical Returns, &c. This Book, of which blank copies are transmitted to the Colonies from the Colonial Office, must be completed as early as possible after the close of each year. The various returns which it comprises must be filled up with the greatest possible accuracy; and the statistical Tables must be full and complete.

2. The Colonial secretary will be responsible for the general preparation of the "Blue Book."

3. Until, therefore, he has delivered it to the Governor, for the purpose of being forwarded to this country, the Governor will not be authorized to sign a warrant for payment of the first quarter's salary in each year, which may be otherwise due to the Colonial secretary, unless he has produced a complete Book properly filled up, or can show to the Governor that he has duly called upon the chief officer of the department, in which any delay may have occurred, for the returns required from him.

4. In this case the latter officer must be held responsible for the delay, and payment of his salary must be suspended, until he has forwarded the necessary returns to the Colonial secretary.

5. The "Blue Book" must be sent home in duplicate.

6. The governor, in transmitting the "Blue Book" to this department, will accompany it with a report, exhibiting generally the past and present state of the Colony, and its prospects, in every political branch.