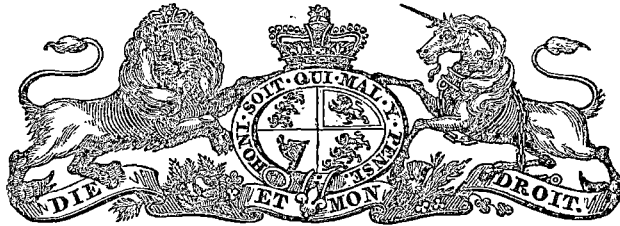


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MEMO.

ON the afternoon of Friday, the 28th December, I sent the Messenger to Mr. Penny's office with a message requesting Mr. Penny to call on me at the Treasury, but he was not at the office; and on the following morning I again enquired if Mr. Penny was at his office, but not finding him there, the following letter was forwarded by the Messenger to Mr. Penny.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

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*Colonial Treasury, December 28th, 1866.*

SIR,

You are aware that the late House of Assembly refused to vote the Salaries for the Officers attached to the Succession Duties Department.

The present Government are not prepared to ask the new Parliament to vote any Salaries for the Officers connected with that Department, but have decided that the duties of Commissioner of Succession Duties shall be discharged by Mr. Tarleton, the Recorder of Titles. I have therefore to request that you will be good enough to place yourself in communication with Mr. Tarleton on the 31st instant, and hand over to that gentleman all Books and Papers in connection with your Office; and you will be pleased to note that on and after the 1st of January the duties of Commissioner will be discharged by Mr. Tarleton.

I desire, on behalf of myself and Colleagues, to express our regret that we are unable at present to offer you any further employment in the Public Service.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

JOSEPH PENNY, *Esq., Commissioner of Succession Duties.*

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*Hobart Town, 4th January, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your peremptory letter of the 28th December, which reached me on the morning of the 31st. I have complied with the directions contained in that communication, and have handed over to Mr. Tarleton the official Books and Papers connected with the Office of Commissioner of Succession Duties. If the present Government had required of me any information as to the duties of office, or report as to the present position of the Department, I should have been prepared to furnish it: that duty I now presume will devolve upon the newly appointed Commissioner.

I should have forwarded this reply at an earlier date, but I am incapacitated by illness from using my right hand.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

JOSEPH PENNY.

*The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.*