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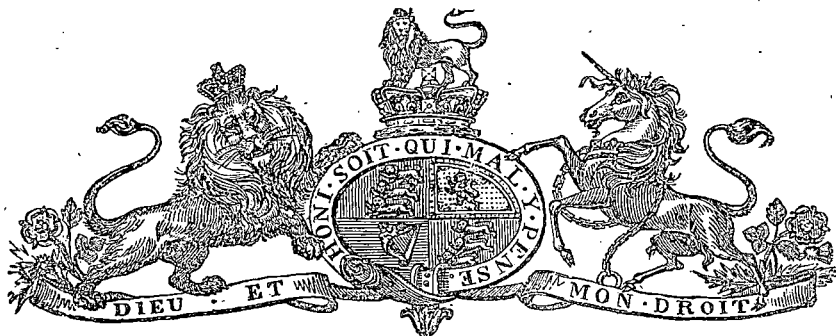
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RE-TRANSPORTATION TO ENGLAND OF  
CONVICTS.

DESPATCH, No. 20.

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*Downing-street, 5th March, 1861.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 116, of the 16th October, accompanied by a Joint Address to you from both Houses of the Legislature, praying that the sum of Five thousand Pounds be placed on the Estimates for the purpose of re-conveying to England persons whose maintenance is described as unfairly made a charge upon the Colony.

I regret that it is impossible for me to sanction your complying with this request, as I could not authorise you to make provision for re-transporting to England, at the Public Expense, Convicts who have been lawfully transported to Tasmania whilst the practice of Transportation to that Colony was still in force. In deference to the wishes of the Colonists, that practice has now ceased for upwards of Eight Years; but the Government could not undertake to undo what was previously done in accordance with the law and custom of the time.

I have, &c.

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir H. E. F. YOUNG, C.B.