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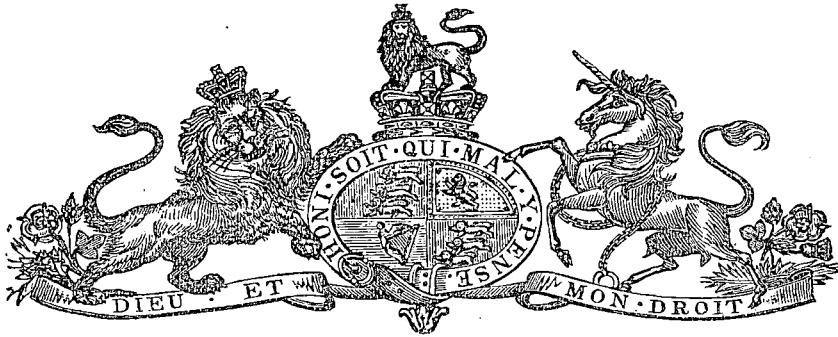
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS :

Memos. *re* Men brought down from Launceston to Hobart to load Loco.
Material, and Erection of Locomotives.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the
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Tasmanian Government Railways.
Locomotive Superintendent's Office, Launceston, 17th October, 1892.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MANAGER, HOBART.

Men brought down from Launceston to Hobart to load Loco. Material.

REFERRING to your Memo. of the 15th instant *re* above, I beg to state that I have always sent my leading hand to look after the landing of the heavy machinery, for following reasons:—

1. This man is an expert in handling heavy machinery, and I consider he saves the Department at least £20 each time any heavy material is landed.
2. On one occasion he was sent alone, and on returning he complained that he narrowly escaped getting hurt, owing to the men he had assisting him being unaccustomed to the work. The next occasion he took four men with him, and the next one.

There never were six men sent, even if you count him as one.

I consider that I have acted in the interests of the Department in this matter.

W. E. BATCHELOR, *Locomotive Superintendent.*

FOR the information of the Hon. the Minister. I feel sure that Mr. Batchelor has acted in the best interests of the Department.

FRED. BACK.
18 Oct., 1892.

Tasmanian Government Railways.
General Manager's Office, 17th October, 1892.

MEMORANDUM FOR HON. MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

Erection of Locomotives.

REFERRING to our conversation as to the erection of locomotives being carried out at Hobart, I beg to point out to you that the Department has done a considerable quantity of this work at Launceston for the simple reason that there are better appliances there, and economy has been effected. In Hobart the locomotives have to be erected in the open air, and all the heavy parts have to be placed in position by manumotive power. In Launceston we have excellent covered sheds and lifting gear. The practical test of the matter is this: the actual cost of putting a locomotive together in Hobart is found to be £55 18s. 6d. as against £30 16s. in Launceston.

FRED. BACK, *General Manager.*