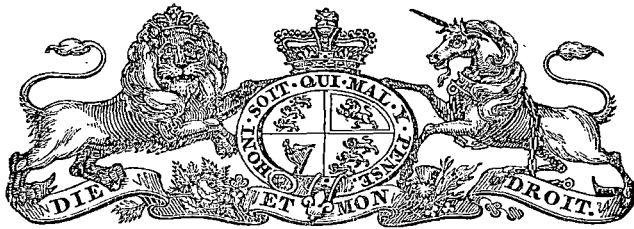


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

APPROVAL TO ACTS:

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCH.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



TASMANIA.
No. 66.

Downing-street, 11th December, 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 98, of the 17th of October, respecting the general proceedings of Parliament, and reporting that the amendments inserted in the Constitution Amendment Bill by the Legislative Council had been accepted by the Assembly. I have also received your Despatch, No. 100, of the 20th of the same month, transmitting the reserved Bill (No. 8, of 1885), entitled "An Act to further amend 'The Constitution Act,'" with the report of the Attorney-General upon it.

2. As regards the question which you state has arisen in respect of the sufficiency of a telegraphic message in justifying you in issuing the necessary Proclamation, I would observe that the Act 13 & 14 Vict., cap. 59, sect. 12, enacts that the provisions of the Acts 5 & 6 Vict., cap. 76, and 7 & 8 Vict., cap. 74, concerning (*inter alia*) "the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and the Bills so reserved" shall apply to and be in force in Van Diemen's Land. And the Act 5 & 6 Vict., cap. 76, sect. 33, enacts "That no Bill reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony until the Governor shall signify either by speech or message to the Legislative Council, or by proclamation as aforesaid (*i.e.*, in the *Government Gazette*), that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same."

3. As the last-mentioned Act does not prescribe any special mode by which the fact of such assent is to be communicated to the Governor, I am advised that there is no reason why the Secretary of State should not convey the information by telegraph, if it appears desirable so to do. I shall accordingly submit the Bill to the Queen at the first meeting of the Privy Council, and shall advise Her Majesty to assent to it, and will inform you by telegraph as soon as the assent is given.

4. I would also refer you to your Despatch, No. 71, of August 31st, 1883, and to my predecessor's telegram of 14th January, 1884, from which you will perceive that, as pointed out by the Attorney-General in his report on the present Bill, this course has already been taken in the case of "The Governor's Salary Act, 1883."

I have, &c.

FRED. STANLEY.

Governor Sir G. C. STRAHAN, K.C.M.G., &c.

TASMANIA.
No. 69.

Downing-street, 28th December, 1885.

SIR,

WITH reference to my Despatch, No. 66, of the 11th, and to my telegram of the 22nd inst., I have the honor to transmit to you an Order of Her Majesty in Council, assenting to a Bill passed by the Legislature of Tasmania and reserved by you for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, entitled "An Act to further amend 'The Constitution Act.'"

I have, &c.

FRED. STANLEY.

Governor Sir G. C. STRAHAN, K.C.M.G., &c.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,
The 12th day of December, 1885.

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
LORD PRESIDENT
LORD GEORGE HAMILTON
MR. PLUNKET

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 5th and 6th years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the Government of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land," it is amongst other things enacted that no Bill which shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have any force or authority within the Colony of New South Wales until the Governor of the said Colony shall signify, either by speech or message to the Legislative Council of the said Colony or by Proclamation as therein aforesaid, that such Bill has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same :

And whereas by another Act passed in the 13th and 14th years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies," it was provided, amongst other things, that the provisions of the said former Act concerning the reservation of Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon should apply to and be in force in the Colony of Van Diemen's Land, the name whereof has since been changed, by the authority of Her Majesty, to Tasmania :

And whereas, on the 20th of October, 1885, the Governor of the said Colony of Tasmania reserved a certain Bill, passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Colony, entitled "An Act to further amend 'The Constitution Act,'" for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon :

And whereas the said Bill so reserved as aforesaid has been laid before Her Majesty in Council, and it is expedient that the said Bill should be assented to by Her Majesty :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the said Acts, and in exercise of the powers thereby reserved to Her Majesty as aforesaid, doth by this present Order, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, declare her assent to the said Bill.

C. L. PEEL.