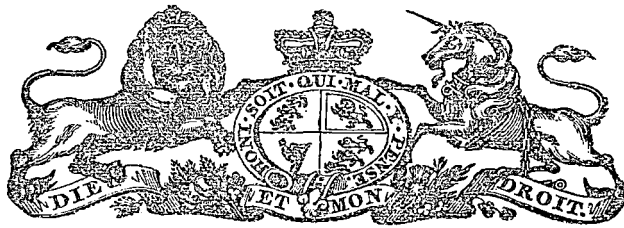


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GLAMORGAN POLICE.

Correspondence between the Colonial Treasurer and the Warden of Glamorgan relative to Grant in Aid for 1868. (*Mr. John Meredith.*)

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, October 13, 1868; and ordered by the House to be printed.



Colonial Treasury, 16th February, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of informing you that the Returns relating to the Revenue and Expenditure of your Municipality for the year ending 31st of December, 1868, were received at this Department on the 12th instant, and were immediately transmitted to the Inspector of Police for his report thereon.

I have now the honor of informing you that I have received a Certificate from the Inspector of Police that the cost of the Police in your Municipality is reduced as low as is consistent with efficiency; and that, in accordance with the Resolution of Parliament, your Municipality is entitled to a Grant in Aid from the Public Treasury, for the year 1868, amounting to the sum of £303 18s.; viz., £234 12s. 4d. in aid of the cost of the Police, and £69 5s. 8d. in aid of the Municipal Revenue.

Having already advanced to your Municipal Council the sum of £270 on account of the Parliamentary Grant in Aid for the year 1868, I have now the honor of transmitting you a Cheque on the Commercial Bank, Hobart Town, for the sum of £33 18s. in settlement; and I have to request you will be good enough to sign the enclosed Receipt, and return the same to this Department in due course.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Worshipful the Warden, Glamorgan.

Council Chambers, Swansea, 17th February, 1869.

SIR,

By your letter to the Warden of Glamorgan, under date the 16th instant, it appears the balance due this Municipality by the Government amounts only to Thirty-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings.

It was anticipated that a much larger sum would be found owing. Might I therefore take the liberty of soliciting a copy of the items not considered as Police Expenditure, to lay before the next Meeting of Council to be held on the 24th instant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. J. LYNE, *Council Clerk and Treasurer.*

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

Colonial Treasury, 22nd February, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th instant, in reference to the balance of Grant in Aid due to your Municipality for the year 1868, and requesting me to cause you to be furnished with a copy of the items disallowed by the Inspector of Police.

I have much pleasure to enclose herewith a copy of the Return, together with all correspondence thereon, for the information of the Council.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

W. LYNE, Esq., Council Clerk, Glamorgan.

Council Chambers, Swansea, March 6th, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 16th ultimo relative to the balance of Grant in Aid due this Municipality for 1868; and in reference thereto, and to one received by the Council Clerk of 22nd ultimo, accompanying copy of items disallowed as Police Expenditure, beg to enquire upon what basis the cost of the Constabulary is calculated, and why these items are struck out? In the first place, we come to the item "insurance," being the amount paid for insuring the buildings used for Police purposes during the years 1867 and 1868; then "stamps" for pay-cheques issued to the Police; next "repairs to Office clock," which is placed in the Police Office, and is called into requisition in all cases of Magisterial adjudication; next follows "printing materials," obtained with a view to lessen the amount of the printing account (Police). Lastly, "window blinds, bookshelves, freight, and sweeping chimneys"—all necessary Police expenses. No. 1, for Police Office windows; No. 2, for Police Records and other books; No. 3, Police parcels, uniform, &c.; No. 4, chimneys attached to the Police Office and Gaol buildings.

You will observe, therefore, that—supposing the control of the Police was in the hands of the Government—all these expenses must, as appertaining to the Police, necessarily fall upon that Department; and is it not contemplated to compel Municipalities to tax themselves 9d. in the £, the General Revenue reimbursing the funds for any additional and requisite expenditure? This is the view taken by the Glamorgan Municipal Council; and accordingly, in levying a Municipal rate for 1868, they only provided for matters which would be required irrespective of Police, otherwise the present arrangements would resolve themselves into this:—that Municipalities must tax themselves to the amount of the difference between the Municipal revenue and £150, and for the payment of contingent Police expenses over and above the bare salaries of the Police, besides a Police rate of 9d. in the £, which surely cannot be the intention; because those districts other than Municipal would then have a decided advantage, and a very great inducement be held out to dispense with the management of the Police altogether.

The cheque for £33 18s. duly came to hand, accompanied by an account for my signature and receipt. The amount above named is in this account particularized as "Unexpended balance of Grant in Aid for the Year 1868;" and as I am not aware why the remaining £25 16s. 3d. is withheld, I cannot consistently sign a receipt for the said amount, £33 18s., as final balance, but enclose another differently worded; and I trust you will, upon reconsideration, see the propriety of my objection, and that we have a claim for the remaining amount.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD CARR SHAW, *Warden.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

Treasury, March 9th, 1869.

REFERRED to the Inspector of Police for his observations, with all other papers relating to the Grant in Aid to Glamorgan.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

The Inspector of Police.

GLAMORGAN.

<i>Constabulary Grant.</i>	£	s.	d.
Insurance	6	6	0
Stamps	1	0	0
Repairs Office clock	0	7	0
Printing materials	10	16	3
Window blinds, &c.	7	7	0
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	£25	16	3
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These items, legitimately, cannot be, I think, considered Police Expenditure.

(Signed) J. FORSTER, *Inspector of Police.*
March 25th, 1869.

Council Chambers, Swansea, May 31st, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to draw your attention to a letter I addressed to you on the 6th of March last, relative to the Grant in Aid due Glamorgan for 1868. I have not yet received an acknowledgment of its receipt; and I shall feel obliged if you will kindly favour me with a reply to lay before the next meeting of the Municipal Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD CARR SHAW, *Warden.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

Colonial Treasury, 4th June, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st May calling attention to your letter of the 6th of March last, in reference to the grant-in-aid to your Municipality for the year 1868.

In reply, I have the honor of informing you that your letter of the 6th of March last was referred immediately to the Inspector of Police, who reported that the items referred to in your letter could not be legitimately considered police expenditure; the item, therefore, could not be allowed to pass as expenditure for which the General Government was to be called upon to make a grant in aid, but was fairly chargeable as Municipal expenditure; and when I had the honor of an interview with you at the Treasury a month or two ago I communicated to you the decision of the Government on the subject, but omitted to reply to your letter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

EDWARD CARR SHAW, *Esq., Warden, Swansea.*