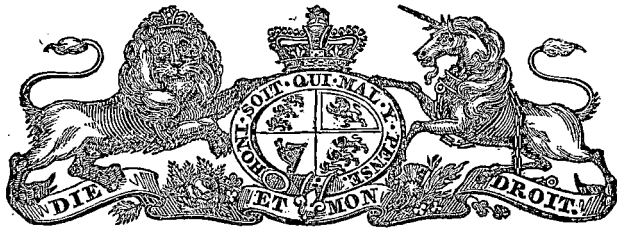


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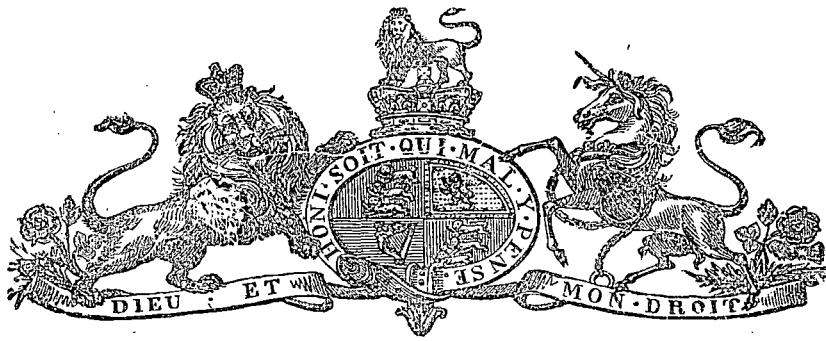
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GOVERNOR'S SALARY REDUCTION BILL,  
(30 VICT. No. 29.)

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
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*Downing-street, 10th July, 1867.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 9, of the 9th of February, forwarding a copy of an Act of the Legislature of Tasmania, to reduce the Salary and Allowances of every future Governor of the Colony, which you had reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure. No. 29 of 30 Vict.

I regret that I cannot advise Her Majesty to give effect to this Act.

It is a matter of the highest importance to secure for the Government of a Colony the services of men of proved judgment and ability; and that the means of these Officers should not be so cramped as to preclude them from taking their proper position in the Colony by the exercise of a well-regulated hospitality, by visiting when necessary different parts of the Colony, and by taking a part in the charitable and other organisations which are called for by the state of the Colony or of society. After careful reflection and enquiry, I am satisfied that the existing emoluments of the Governor of Tasmania are not too high for this purpose,—that for the proposed Salary Her Majesty's Government would not readily, if at all, find a person properly qualified and also willing to accept the Government; and further, that any person so appointed would find himself unable to discharge the social and other duties of his office in the manner which is required by the interest of the Colony.

I regret greatly the present pressure on the Finances of the Colony which has led your Advisers to propose this measure. I trust, however, that the grounds of my decision will satisfy your Ministers and the Members of the Legislature that such a measure would not be likely to conduce to the general advantage, and that the position of the Governor should be maintained in its integrity.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.