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ERECTION OF NEW SCHOOLS :

CORRESPONDENCE WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*Return to an Order of the Council dated October 20, 1881. (Mr. Chapman.)*

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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*Hobart, 22nd October, 1881.*

### MEMORANDUM.

WITH reference to the request to be furnished with an estimate of the probable cost of each of the proposed new School Buildings, a list is herewith transmitted showing the buildings proposed to be erected by the Board of Education, with the number of scholars to be accommodated.

Plans of the proposed Schools at Hobart (one), Wellington and Charles-street, Launceston, (two), and Beaconsfield (one), prepared by Mr. Hunter, are at present before the Legislative Council, together with the architect's estimate of the cost of each building.

To arrive at an estimate of the cost of each of the other school-rooms, it may be taken that £10 for each child to be accommodated will cover the expense of building when brick or stone are used in the erection thereof, and for permanent wooden buildings on stone foundations, £8 for each pupil to be accommodated; but these figures are liable to variation in different localities.

For teachers' residences much will depend upon the locality and the style of school-room, but an average of £350 for each may be taken as the outside cost.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*LOCALITIES requiring new School Buildings.*

<i>Locality.</i>	<i>No. of Children to be accommodated.</i>	<i>Description of Building.</i>	
Battery Point .....	350	School and class-rooms	} Urgent.
Charles-street, Launceston...	350	Ditto	
Wellington-street, ditto .....	350	Ditto	
Nook .....	50	School-room	} Present school to be converted into residence.
Tea Tree .....	40	Ditto	
Honeywood .....	90	Ditto	} Present room unsuitable.
Sheffield.....	80	Ditto	
Scottsdale .....	40	Ditto	
Turner's Marsh .....	50	Ditto	} Urgent.
Beaconsfield .....	250	School-rooms and residence	
Spreyton .....	40	School-room and residence	No school at present.
Dry Creek .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Woodsdale .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Bluff .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Fentonbury .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Railton .....	50	Ditto	Present room unsuitable.
Constitution Hill.....	50	Ditto	Ditto
Penguin.....	100	Ditto	Ditto
Rose Vale .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Forest .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Montagu .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Fingal.....	80	Ditto	New building required.
George Town .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Tumbridge .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Oatlands .....	100	Ditto	Ditto
Green Ponds.....	90	Ditto	Present unsuitable.
Rokeby .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Springfield .....	40	Ditto	Present school-room unsuitable; no residence.
Enfield .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Sandy Bay .....	50	Ditto	Ditto

*Class-rooms or Additions to School-rooms.*

Brown's River.	Ulverstone.
Kangaroo Point.	Emu Bay.
Longford.	St. Leonard's.
Perth.	Bracknell.

*Teachers' Residences.*

Brown's River.	Waratah.	Moorina.
Castle Forbes Bay.	Lefroy.	Longford.
Macquarie Plains.	Jetsonville.	St. Leonard's.
Franklin.	Winkleigh.	Ulverstone.
Green Point.	Upper Piper's River.	

*Additions to Teachers' Residences.*

Swansea.	Ellendale.	Glengarry.
Ross.	Wattle Grove.	Park.
Old Beach.	Cleveland.	Queenstown.
Sorell Creek.	Abbotsham.	Ringarooma.

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.**Education Office, 22nd October, 1881.*

## SUPERVISION OF ERECTION AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

*Board of Education Office, Hobart, 31st March, 1881.*

SIR,

THE Board of Education having in view the erection and repair of a large number of school buildings that must take place ere long, and the amount of public money that will necessarily be spent thereon, desire again to bring under the notice of the Government the advisability of making arrangements for placing the supervision of the works under the officers of the Public Works Department.

At present the Board,—except in the case of large country buildings or town repairs, when the services of an architect can be secured,—have to accept the report of a Chairman of a Local School Board, or other unprofessional man, as to the manner in which repairs, &c. have been carried out, a course which is obviously open to objection, but which the Board are helpless to remedy.

The officers of the Public Works Department are generally available throughout the Colony; and on the score of both economy and efficiency it would appear desirable to secure their services in the inspection of and report on the state of school buildings, and in the supervision of their erection or repair.

I have, &c.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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*Board of Education Office, Hobart, 20th May, 1881.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit, for the information of the Government, the accompanying list of localities most urgently requiring school buildings.

The Board's Architect will be instructed to prepare detailed plans and specifications for the proposed two new schools in Launceston; and it is proposed that the rate of remuneration he will receive be  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for the preparation of the necessary plans and specifications in detail.

For the supervision of the works during their progress, and certificate of the due performance of the contracts, arrangements will subsequently be made, subject to the approval of the Government.

The Board desire to urge upon the Government to take into consideration the desirability of the smaller schools being constructed under the management and supervision of the Public Works Department. A series of plans and specifications might be prepared, which would answer for schools to accommodate 25, 40, 60, 80 children, and so on. By this arrangement expense and trouble of preparing plans, &c. for each school would be avoided, and one plan could be used for several schools.

I have, &c.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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WITH reference to the two schools in Launceston, the Colonial Secretary wishes to be informed whether the usual charge of 5 per cent. will cover all expenses connected with the preparation of the plans and specifications and the subsequent supervision of the buildings during construction.

WM. MOORE.

*23rd May, 1881.*

*The Chairman of the Board of Education.*

As far as I am concerned, I understand that Mr. Hunter would prefer the arrangement made with the Government that the Public Works Department should supervise the works during execution, and that he should receive 5 per cent. and travelling expenses for the full responsibility of the works.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

27. 5. 81.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

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THE Memo. of the Chairman of the Board does not furnish a reply to the enquiry of the Colonial Secretary of the 23rd instant.

It is surely not intended that the Public Works Department should supervise the works during construction, and Mr. Hunter receive 5 per cent. and travelling expenses.

The Colonial Secretary is under the impression that Mr. Conway, of Launceston, has proposed to the Board to undertake the supervision of the works; and he would like to know, if such is the case, the terms of Mr. Conway's offer?

WM. MOORE.

*31st May, 1881.*

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THE proposal made by me, to the effect that the Public Works Department should supervise the works during their construction arose from a conversation I had with Mr. Hunter; and I understood from him that the projected buildings for the General Hospital would be supervised in that way, and that he would receive full professional charges for the responsibility involved.

I am of opinion that 5 per cent. should be made to cover all expenses of plans and supervision ; and if it can be arranged that the Public Works Department inspect and supervise the works during their progress, at least half of this amount could be saved. The terms of Mr. Hunter's engagement with the Board as architect are 2½ per cent. for plans and 2½ per cent. for supervision, and travelling expenses when the distance exceeds five miles from Hobart.

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*  
9th June, 1881.

*The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.*

MR. Hunter will receive 2½ per cent. for the preparation of the plans and specifications of the two schools in Launceston.

Can the supervision during construction be undertaken by the Public Works Department?

The list of school buildings urgently required, referred to in the first paragraph, is enclosed.

WM. MOORE.  
18th June, 1881.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION, TASMANIA.

#### *LIST of Applications for Erection of School Buildings under "Public Schools Erection Act, 1880."*

No.	Locality.	No. of Children accommodation should be provided for.	Description of Building.	Site.	Remarks.
7572	Charles-street, Launceston.	350	School and class-rooms	Board's property	
7572	Wellington-st., ditto	300	Ditto	Offered by Government	
7388	Beaconsfield	150	School and class-room and residence	5 acres reserved	A more suitable site has been suggested, and inquiries instituted.
8056	Nook (East Devon)	50	Schoolroom	5 acres & 1 acre reserved	Present school too small; to be converted into residence.
7810	Spreyton, ditto	40	Schoolroom & residence	5 acres reserved	
7765	Railton, ditto	50	Ditto	5 acres reserved	Plans prepared, tenders obtained; lowest, £148 10s. Arrangements fell through, promoters declining to contribute.
8281	Constitution Hill	50	Ditto	None.	Site will have to be procured, under 9th Sect. Public Schools Amendment Act, 37 Vict. No. 11.
7841	Penguin	90-100	Ditto	In course of survey	School at present held in a barn; rented for one year.
7915	Swansea	—	Additions to residence, 2 rooms	—	Local plans and specification prepared.
7867	Dry Creeek (New Norfolk)	25	Schoolroom & residence, 2 rooms	Reserve applied for	
8205	Longford	—	Teacher's residence		
	Castle Forbes Bay	—	Ditto		
8193	St. Leonard's	—	Ditto		
8093	Rosevale	40	Schoolroom & residence	Reserve applied for	Not particularly urgent.
8050	Macquarie Plains	—	Teacher's residence		
7802	Upper Piper's River	—	Ditto	Vested in Board	Error discovered in conveyance; deed referred to Crown Law Officers for rectification.
8129	Woodsdale (Oatlands)	40	Schoolroom & residence	Reserve applied for	
7995	Bluff (Brighton)	40	Ditto	Awaiting information from promoters	
8152	Sheffield (East Devon)	80	Schoolroom	5 acres reserved	Present schoolroom private property; unsuitable.
7762	Scottsdale	40	Ditto	1a. 3r. 13p. reserved	Ditto
387	Ross	—	Additions to residence	—	Not very urgent.
	Ulverstone	—	Teacher's residence		

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*  
18th May, 1881.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart, 25th May, 1881.*

**MEMO.**

THE Colonial Secretary has the honor to suggest, for the consideration of the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works, the desirability of the construction of public school and teachers' residences in the country districts being undertaken by the Public Works Department.

Should Mr. O'Reilly concur, the Colonial Secretary would recommend the preparation of a series of plans and specifications for public schools to accommodate 25, 40, 60, 80 children, and upwards, respectively, so as to avoid the expense and trouble of preparing them for each building as may be required.

WM. MOORE.

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.*

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FORWARDED to the Engineer-in-Chief for his observations.

C. O'REILLY.  
31. 5. 81.

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I CAN undertake the work if a competent draftsman is provided.

JAMES FINCHAM.  
2. 6. 81.

*The Hon. the Minister.*

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RETURNED to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

I concur in the recommendation of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, provided a competent draftsman is provided.

C. O'REILLY.  
3. 6. 81.

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*Colonial Secretary's Office, 29th June, 1881.*

SIR,

REFERRING to my Memorandum of the 25th ultimo, and your endorsement concurring in my recommendation upon the condition that a competent draftsman is provided, I have the honor to inform you that the Government wish the preparation of plans and specifications for school buildings to be proceeded with at once for presentation to Parliament; and perhaps it would be as well, at the present time, if possible, to utilize the services of the present drafting staff.

The necessary expenditure for this service to be made a charge against the Board of Education.

I have, &c.

*The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.*

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WM. MOORE.

*Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart, 9th July, 1881.*

SIR,

REFERRING to previous correspondence upon the subject of the new school buildings at Launceston, I have the honor to inform you that arrangements will be made by the Lands and Works Department for the necessary supervision during their construction.

I have, &c.

*The Chairman Board of Education.*

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WM. MOORE.

*Lands and Works Office, 24th September, 1881.*

**MEMO.**

LIST of Localities requiring New School Buildings returned herewith.

Copy has been retained here by order of the Hon. the Minister.

WILLIAM SMITH, C.C.P.W.

*The Assistant Colonial Secretary.*

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION, TASMANIA.

*LIST of Localities requiring new School Buildings, consisting of School-rooms and Teachers' Residences jointly, School-rooms only, and Residences only, also additions to either.*

Locality.	No. of Children to be accommodated.	Description of Building.	Remarks.
Battery Point .....	350	School and class-rooms.	Tenancy of premises now occupied expires 31st December, 1884.
Charles-street .....	350	Ditto	} Urgently required.
Wellington-street .....	350	Ditto	
Nook .....	50	School-room	Present school too small; to be converted into teacher's residence.
Sheffield .....	80	Ditto	Present school-room, private property; unsuitable.
Scottsdale .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Tea Tree .....	40	Ditto	Too small; new school to be built, and old one converted into teacher's residence.
Beaconsfield .....	250	School-rooms and residence	Badly wanted.
Spreyton .....	40	School-room and residence	No school existing.
Railton .....	50	Ditto	Private premises; unsuitable.
Constitution Hill .....	50	Ditto	Ditto
Penguin Creek .....	100	Ditto	Ditto; no residence.
Dry Creek .....	30	Ditto	No school in existence.
Rosevale .....	40	Ditto	Private premises; unsuitable; no residence.
Woodsdale .....	40	Ditto	No school; awaiting erection of building.
Bluff (Brighton) .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Fingal .....	80	Ditto	Old premises dangerous.
George Town .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Tunbridge .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Oatlands .....	100	Ditto	New premises required.
Forest .....	40	Ditto	Private premises; unsuitable.
Montagu .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Green Ponds .....	90	Ditto	Ditto
Rokeby .....	30	Ditto	Ditto
Fentonbury .....	30	Ditto	No school.
Enfield (Richmond) .....	40	Ditto	Private premises; unsuitable.
Springfield .....	40	Ditto	Ditto
Sandy Bay .....	50	Ditto	Ditto
Honeywood .....	100	School-room only	Present premises to be converted into residence, and new premises built in more convenient place.
Turner's Marsh .....	40	Ditto	Private premises; unsuitable.
Castle Forbes Bay .....	...	Residence	
Longford .....	...	Ditto	
St. Leonard's .....	...	Ditto	
Macquarie Plains .....	...	Ditto	
Upper Piper's River .....	...	Ditto	
Ulverstone .....	...	Ditto	
Franklin .....	...	Ditto	
Green Point .....	...	Ditto	
Brown's River .....	...	Ditto	
Waratah .....	...	Ditto	Government to make provision out of other funds.
Lefroy .....	...	Ditto	
Jetsonville .....	...	Ditto	
Winkleigh .....	...	Ditto	
Moorina .....	...	Ditto	
Brown's River .....	...	Class-room or additions	Lengthening room.
Kangaroo Point .....	...	Ditto	Ditto
Ulverstone .....	...	Ditto	Ditto
Emu Bay .....	...	Ditto	Ditto
Longford .....	...	Ditto	
Perth .....	...	Ditto	
St. Leonard's .....	...	Ditto	
Bracknell .....	...	Ditto	
Ross .....	...	Additions to residence	
Swansea .....	...	Ditto	
Sorell Creek .....	...	Ditto	
Wattle Grove .....	...	Ditto	
Old Beach .....	...	Ditto	
Ellendale .....	...	Ditto	
Cleveland .....	...	Ditto	
Abbotsham .....	...	Ditto	
Glengarry .....	...	Ditto	
Park .....	...	Ditto	
Ringarooma .....	...	Ditto	
Queenstown .....	...	Ditto	