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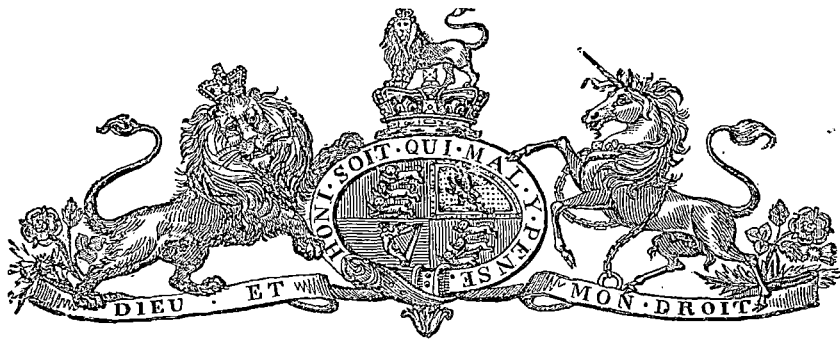
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RETURN TO AN ORDER OF THE HOUSE. (*Mr. Perkins.*)

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 14 August, 1862.



MEM.

Moved for in the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY :—

RETURNS of the following Imports to this Colony; namely,—Oatmeal, Pearl Barley, Whole and Split Peas, Carraway, Coriander, and Canary Seeds, Hams, Bacon, and Pork, American Tubs and Buckets, Linseed Oil; showing the Quantity Annually for Three Years ending 30 June, 1862, with the Average Value of each Article estimated by the Customs.

The Collector of Customs, Hobart Town.

THE Collector of Customs is requested to furnish the Return called for, with as little delay as possible, in respect to the Port of Hobart Town.

Colonial Treasury, 9th August, 1862.

MEM.

WITH the present staff of this Office, it will be impossible to furnish this Return, keeping up the current Statistical work, &c., probably under some two months, as every particular entry will have to be referred to for the last Three Years, as the Statistical Accounts will not give the required information. Oatmeal, Pearl Barley, Hams, Bacon, and Pork, can be ascertained by going through each entry, Peas, Carraway, Coriander, and Canary Seeds, cannot be ascertained, as these articles are entered either as "Oilmen's Stores" or as "Seeds, Plants, and Trees." American Tubs and Buckets cannot be given; the entries do not state the producing Country. Linseed Oil may be given in part, *i.e.*, sometimes it has been entered as "Linseed Oil," sometimes simply as "Oil," and at other times as "Oilmen's Stores."

The Statistical Returns of the Customs' Department have always been kept according to instructions received from the Home Government.

Similar views are entertained by the Collector at Launceston, as will be seen by the annexed Telegram just received from him.

H. D'ARCH.

*Custom House, Hobart Town,
11th August, 1862.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH MESSAGE.

Launceston, 11th August, 1862.

Do you think you can give satisfactorily the Return called for by the Treasurer of the following Imports?—Oatmeal, Pearl Barley, Whole and Split Peas, Carraway, Coriander and Canary Seeds, Hams, Bacon, and Pork, American Tubs and Buckets, and Linseed Oil. Many of these have been entered as Oilmen's Stores, and others under Unenumerated. We are not in the habit of valuing such goods. How then shall you give the estimated value by Customs? Your answer will oblige me.

R. H. WILLIS.

Message for Collector of Customs.

NOTE.—It can only be done by the Entries, which will be very tedious and take much time, and in many respects not under the actual headings or items.

R. H. WILLIS, *Collector.*