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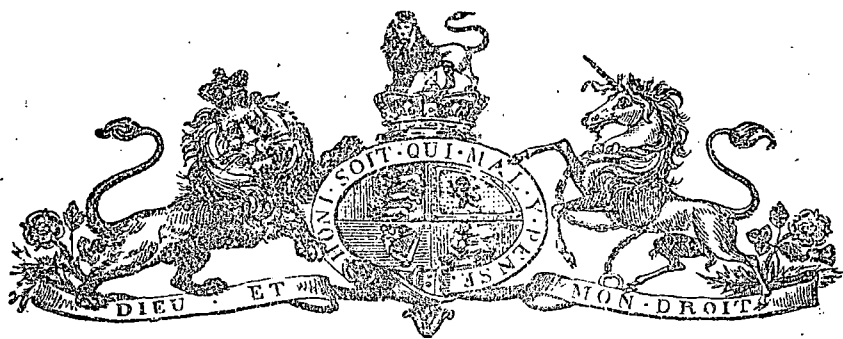
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

FEDERAL FINANCE:

PROBABLE RESULTS FROM DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS
FEDERAL REVENUE ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION.

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FEDERAL FINANCE.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS REVENUE and Charge of Federal Expenditure, all on a *per capita* basis from the date of Proclamation of the Commonwealth.

FOUR COLONIES, Annual Mean of Years 1893-4-5, obviously excluding West Australia and Queensland.

	£		£
Federal Expenditure.....	1,550,000	Customs and Excise	5,101,710
Surplus divisible	3,046,156	Less Intercolonial Freetrade..	605,554
	<u>£4,596,156</u>		<u>£4,596,156</u>

	Population.	Proportion of Surplus.
		£
New South Wales	1,238,011	1,292,119
Victoria	1,175,676	1,227,053
South Australia	348,785	364,030
Tasmania	156,129	162,954
	<u>£2,918,601</u>	<u>£3,046,156</u>

Surplus, £3,046,156, represents about 20s. 10½d. per head.

Commonwealth to discharge all obligations for Interest, and *per contra* take hypothecation of surplus Railway Revenue, *i.e.*, surplus after working expenses are paid; the State managing and paying expenses and collecting Revenue, merely paying over to Commonwealth the surplus earnings.

Commonwealth to be invested with power to raise by Revenue other than Customs such Revenue as will be needed in South Australia and Tasmania to pay their annual debt to Commonwealth.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF TRANSFER. (FOUR COLONIES.)

(Worked out for each State on the basis of the mean of Three years 1893-4-5.)

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NEW SOUTH WALES.			
	£		£
Interest	2,158,170	Federal surplus distributed*	1,292,119
Balance due to State	350,896	Railway net earnings	1,216,947
	<u>£2,509,066</u>		<u>£2,509,066</u>

* On the basis of Population.

VICTORIA.

Interest	1,840,789	Federal surplus distributed*	1,227,053
Balance due to State	380,882	Railway net earnings	994,618
	<u>£2,221,671</u>		<u>£2,221,671</u>

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Interest	931,573	Federal surplus distributed*	364,030
		Railway net earnings	410,937
			<u>£774,967</u>
	<u>£931,573</u>	Balance due by State	156,606
			<u>£931,573</u>

TASMANIA.

Interest	309,160	Federal surplus distributed*	162,954
		Railway net earnings	25,365
			<u>£188,319</u>
	<u>£309,160</u>	Balance due by State	120,841
			<u>£309,160</u>

* On the basis of Population.

The year 1898, if the first year of Federation, would, for local Finance, stand thus for Tasmania, 1897 figures :—

	£		£
Balance to be made good	120,841	Land Tax	39,400
	£	Income Tax	37,300
Total Estimated Expenditure.	751,165	Inland Revenue, less Post	
	£	and Telegraph, &c.....	44,880
Less Customs	6667	Fees Departments	3330
Post & Telegraph	65,454	Fees, other	110
Railways	128,000	Reimbursements	5400
Defence	9552	Territorial	59,650
Interest	322,063	Reimbursements, Home	
	<u>531,736</u>	Government	1000
	219,429	Interest, Public Account .	5000
		Miscellaneous and Stock .	1450

N.B.—Interest on cost of Works, Defence, Customs, Telegraph Construction, &c., does not enter, because it is included in Federal expenditure.

N.B.—Such Revenue as will go to Commonwealth is struck out.

			<u>£197,520</u>
		Deficiency	142,750
	<u>£340,270</u>		<u>£340,270</u>

SUMMARY.

Customs collection, Tasmania—		£
Mean of 1893-4-5, gross	311,165	
For 1897, estimated July, 1896	£335,000	
Bond Rents	1600	
Excise	18,500	
	£355,100	
An increase of	43,935
		<u>£355,100</u>
		£
1. Deficiency	142,750	
Takes the place of surplus for 1897, estimated at July, 1896	34,747	
2. Increase of Revenue as above, if Commonwealth Customs and Excise increase in same proportion as Tasmania	43,935	
3. Customs charges upon people by uniform Tariff and commerce free in Commonwealth, reduced by	40,000	
4. Saving by consolidation of Debt	30,000	