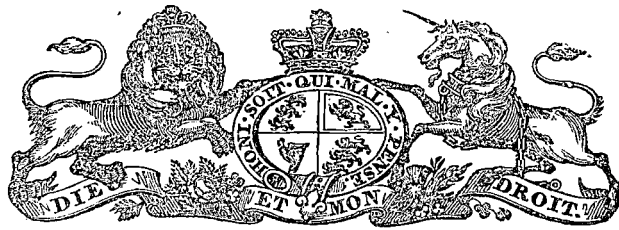


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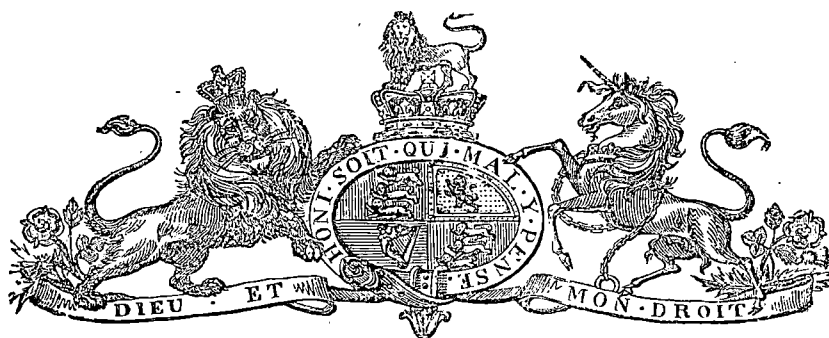
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SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you, that in consequence of the high cost of living it has been found necessary to allot to Officers and Men of the Queen's Forces serving in Tasmania, in like manner as in some other Colonies situated in the same part of the world, certain extra allowances. They consist of payments of Five Shillings a day to all Officers, and of rates varying from One Shilling to Three Shillings and Sixpence to some of the Civil subordinates, together with the remission, so far as regards non-commissioned Officers and Men, of the ordinary ration-stoppage of Three pence half-penny a day for bread and meat.

In various other Colonies, where similar extra allowances are rendered necessary by local circumstances, they are provided for out of the Colonial Revenue: very much larger amounts, as you are doubtless aware, are defrayed in New South Wales and in Victoria from Colonial Funds.

In Tasmania, taking into consideration the presence of Convicts, Her Majesty's Government have readily continued to defray from Imperial Funds the whole regular charge of the Troops retained in the Island; but I have to instruct you to apply to the Legislature to make provision henceforward, in conformity with the usage in a great proportion of the Colonies where special allowances are required, for the extra cost which those allowances entail. You will doubtless be able to obtain from the Commanding Officer in charge of the Commissariat any particulars which may be requisite for your use in calculating the amount of the extra allowances.

I have, &c.,

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir H. E. F. YOUNG, C.B., &c.