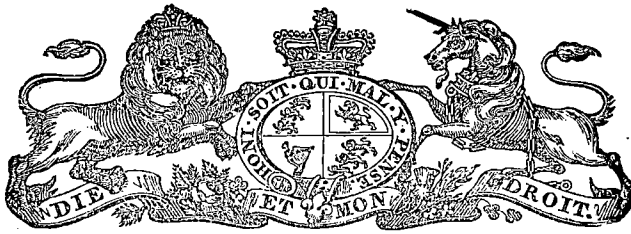


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APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ANALYST:

LETTER FROM THE HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY
TO THE HON. DR. AGNEW.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hobart, 19th April, 1881.

SIR,

It will be remembered by you that shortly after the passing of "The Sale of Food and Drugs Act," the Government of which you were at that time a Member, desirous of carrying out the provisions of that Act by the appointment of an Analyst, consulted you upon the matter; and you gave it as your decided opinion that as the whole subject was one of great public importance the appointment of a thoroughly competent Analyst, who would be acquainted with qualitative as well as quantitative analyses, was a *sine qua non*, and you recommended that enquiries should be made in England with a view of securing the services of a gentleman in every way qualified to fill that post. I think I need hardly further refresh your memory by reminding you that you were good enough to promise that on your arrival in England you would take steps to carry out this service on behalf of the Government.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience as to the action you have taken in this matter.

I herewith forward a copy of the Act, 44 Victoria, No. 23.

I have, &c.

WM. MOORE.

*The Honorable J. W. AGNEW, M.D.,
care of SIR FREDERICK WELD, K.C.M.G.,
Government House, Singapore.*