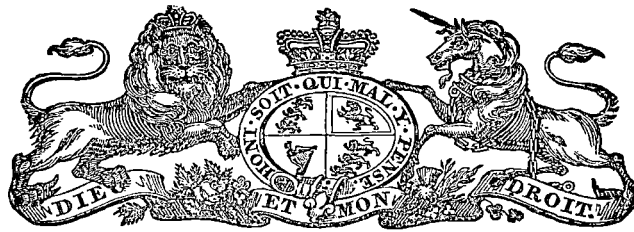


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TASMANIAN 4 PER CENT. LOAN, 1881.

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MINUTE PAPER FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Treasury, Hobart, 14th February, 1881.

THE Colonial Treasurer submits and recommends that, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament, 44 Victoria, No. 34, Debentures be issued for an amount not exceeding £300,000, the proceeds of the sale of such Debentures to be devoted to the purposes of the said Act; and further, that such Debentures be issued in the same form as those herewith (three,—one being for £100, one for £500, and the other for £1000), and that the numbers of each denomination be as follows, that is to say,—

Nos. 1 to 100 to be for £1000 each,
Nos. 101 to 300 to be for £500 each,
Nos. 301 to 1300 to be for £100 each,

making in all thirteen hundred Bonds. That such Debentures shall be signed by the Administrator of the Government, the Colonial Treasurer, entered by the Assistant Treasurer, and registered by the Colonial Auditor, the coupons attached to each Debenture being issued without signature thereto, as in the case of stock issued by other Colonial Governments. The rate of interest to be as provided in the Act referred to, and payable half-yearly at the dates therein named, at the Banking Agents of the Government of Tasmania in London. The Debentures being redeemable during the year 1920.

W. R. GIBLIN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

THE Administrator in Council approves.

E. C. NOWELL.
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CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON.

Tasmania,
Treasury, Hobart, 21st January, 1880.

SIR,

Tasmanian Loan.

THE Government have now before Parliament proposals for a Government Loan, to be issued in London for, say, £400,000, for the purpose of constructing railways and other public works, and also consolidating various small Loans of this Government redeemable in Tasmania during this and the ensuing year. I propose that this Loan should be issued at four per cent., through the agency of your Bank and the Bank of New South Wales, in the same manner as the Loan of 1878.

The Debentures would be made out in bonds of £100 and higher denominations, as suggested in your letter of 10th April last.

As I think it very probable that Parliament will assent to the financial propositions placed before them by the present Government, the Debentures representing the proposed new Loan should be in your hands during May next, and the Loan might be issued not later than the end of June.

My present purpose is to enquire whether it would be practicable to save the exchange on the usual remittance made from here to meet the July payments at interest, &c. for this Government, say £28,000? I wish therefore to know whether you will undertake to pay the sums falling due for interest, &c. in July out of the proceeds of the proposed Loan; or, should any delay interfere at your end of the world in floating the Loan, whether you will cover the payments, debiting this Government with the amount at usual rates until recouped by remittances or from the proceeds of the Loan, as the case may be?

Of course if any delay should occur at this end a draft will be forwarded in the usual manner. As the mail leaving here to-day is timed to arrive in London on the 4th March, I should be glad if you would reply to this query by the mail leaving London on 12th March, *viâ* Colombo and Suez, and another 23rd April, so that if needful I can remit by the mail closing at Hobart on the 26th April by draft at sight, to reach you on the 10th June, to meet the July payments.

The Manager the Consolidated Bank, London.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

*Tasmania,
Treasury, Hobart, 31st March, 1880.*

SIR,

ON the 21st January last I had the honor to address you, notifying that this Government had at that time proposals before Parliament to authorise the construction of Railways and other Public Works, as also to consolidate various small loans of this Colony redeemable in Tasmania during this and the coming year; and that, in order to give effect to the measures, it would be necessary for this Government to resort to the London money market for the purpose of negotiating a further Loan of say £400,000 at 4 per cent., which the Government hoped to do through the joint agency of your Bank and the Bank of New South Wales, in the same manner as the Loan for £300,000 was brought out during the year 1878.

Since writing you on the date referred to, the measures submitted to Parliament have been subjected to considerable alteration in the Upper Chamber, and the action taken by that body will necessitate the proposals of the Government being again submitted for approval some time in July next, when Parliament will again assemble. This must cause delay in forwarding the Loan to London by the date named in my previous letter, but I hope to be able to communicate with you during the month of August, advising you of the time it is probable the loan will be in your hands to be dealt with; until then no further steps can be taken to prepare for its issue.

Referring to the enquiry made by me as to saving exchange on the half year by remittances of this Colony to your Bank, I have now merely to note that before this reaches you you will have received ample funds to be placed by you to the credit of this Government to meet its obligations maturing in July at your Bank. Of course I look forward to the receipt of a letter from you, in reply to my enquiry, which will guide me in addressing you at a future time with reference to the payments falling due in January.

*The Manager Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.*

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Via Suez.

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, 12th March, 1880.*

SIR,

Tasmanian Loan, 1880.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of January last, informing me that the Colonial Government then had before Parliament proposals for a Government Loan, at 4 per cent., to be issued in London, for say £400,000, for the purpose of constructing Railways and other Public Works, and also consolidating various small Loans of the Colony, redeemable in Tasmania in the years 1880 and 1881.

You propose that the Loan should be issued through the agency of this Bank and the Bank of New South Wales, in the same manner as the Loan of 1878; the Debentures to be made out in Bonds of £100 and higher denominations; such Bonds to be in our hands in May next.

In the event of Parliament assenting to the proposals placed before them by the Government, you may rely upon my Directors, in conjunction with the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales, giving their careful attention to the matter, with the view of issuing the Loan to the best advantage, and protecting the interests of your Government in every way.

In reply to your inquiry in reference to the interest, &c. due and payable at this Bank in July next for your Government, (say £28,000), my Directors will, with pleasure, cover the payments referred to,—in the event of any delay interposing here in floating the Loan,—until recouped by remittance, or from the proceeds of the Loan, as the case may be.

I have, &c.

JAS. TULLOCH, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

Tasmania,
Treasury, Hobart, 26th April, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th March, informing me that you had duly received my letter of the 21st January previous, on the subject of a further Loan to be floated in the London market for this Government, for the purpose of providing funds to proceed with the construction of Railways and other Public Works, as also to consolidate certain small Loans falling due in the Colony.

I am gratified to learn that you assure me of your best exertions, jointly with the Bank of New South Wales, being used to make any Loan sent home to your Bank as successful as possible. My letter of the 31st March last will have reached you before this informing you of delay that has occurred in bringing forward the proposed Loan: however, at no distant date I hope to be in a position to give you definite information for your future guidance.

I have duly noted your answer to the enquiries made by me in regard to the payment of moneys by your Bank in such circumstances as those surrounding my letter at the time it was written by me, and I am glad to learn that your Directors will be prepared to meet the convenience of this Government to the extent indicated by me.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

The Manager Consolidated Bank,
Threadneedle-street, London.

Treasury, Hobart, 29th November, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE now the honor to advise you that this Government have obtained the sanction of Parliament to proposals to float in London in the early part of next year a Loan of £300,000, bearing interest at four per cent., and redeemable in the year 1920. I enclose copy of the Act, 44 Vict. No. 34, authorising the issue of Debentures for this purpose.

This Loan is intended to consolidate various small existing Loans of the Government of Tasmania falling due during the years 1880-1-2, and also to provide for a moderate expenditure upon the construction of Roads, Bridges, and Public Works in the Colony. The proposals submitted by Ministers to Parliament comprised a considerably larger expenditure upon Public Works, which would, if added, have made the anticipated Loan £500,000; but it has been deemed expedient at present to confine the outlay to the smaller sum named above.

The Debentures required for the Loan are in course of preparation, and I hope to be able to forward them to you in the beginning of January next, and propose to utilise the good offices of yourselves and the Bank of New South Wales in the same manner as with the £300,000 Loan of 1878.

The population, trade, and revenue of the Colony is now steadily on the increase, and when at a later period I forward the Debentures I trust to furnish you at the same time with some statistics which will afford most satisfactory proof of the soundness of the position of the Colony, and tend, in conjunction with the more favourable condition of the money market, to enable us to procure a better price than we got for our Loan in 1878, satisfactory as we felt that to be under the somewhat disadvantageous circumstances which attended that operation.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London.

Treasury, Hobart, 14th February, 1881.

SIR,

ADVERTING to my letter of the 29th November last, I have now the pleasure to forward by the mail closing this day the Debentures representing the new £300,000 4 per cent. Loan of this Government. Some delay occurred in the preparation of the Debentures, owing to the use of a different form, and the engraving of a steel plate for the heading, back, and borders. These Debentures are all printed on paper manufactured for the Government, and has the water-mark on each head Tasmanian Government Debentures.

The Debentures, 1300 in number, are contained in four packets of 325 each, to be transmitted *viâ* Brindisi, and will reach you about the end of March.

In accordance with an opinion expressed by you on a former occasion, I have had the Debentures prepared of various denominations ; thus—

	£
100 numbered 1 to 100, at £1000 each, printed in brown ink	100,000
200 numbered 101 to 300, at £500 each, printed in blue ink	100,000
1000 numbered 301 to 1300, at £100 each, printed in black ink	100,000
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	£300,000
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By a clerical error in the wording of the Act authorising the Loan (44 Vict. No. 34), I found myself compelled to make the Debentures redeemable in the year 1920, thus making them bear the somewhat unusual period of 39 years duration.

You will observe that the Debentures differ in form from those heretofore issued, and thus the Coupons are not signed. I found on enquiry that it was not the practice in Victoria and South Australia to sign Coupons, and they provided other means of preventing fraud and forgery by the use of an engrossed plate and water-marked papers. I have not continued a practice which was troublesome and apparently useless. The form of Coupon, though differing from those heretofore used in Tasmania, is like those used by the other Colonies of Australia.

I enclose you 25 copies of a slip containing some figures taken from official records which will, I think, afford satisfactory evidence to those interested that the Colony of Tasmania is in a better position than at any previous time to offer undoubted security to capitalists investing in her Debentures.

I may state that since the preparation of these Debentures I have had intimation from Bankers and others that this Loan might be floated at an advantage in the Colonies, but as Parliament was informed that the Loan would be floated in London, and the Banks were all posted accordingly, I have decided to forward them to England as originally intended.

With regard to the minimum price, I must leave that to be fixed by yourselves and the Bank of New South Wales, after considering the then state of the money market. The Tasmanian 4 per cents. of 1878 have recently been quoted almost at par, and I should hope that you would see your way to fix the minimum at not less than 95 ex interest. However, you will be guided by the current value of money, in no case fix a lower minimum than £92 10s. ex interest.

I shall be glad to receive a telegram from you advising me of the result of the floating of the Loan as soon as it is practicable.

With regard to the disposition of the proceeds, I have to request that you will be good enough to retain in London the sum of, say, £80,000 to meet interest falling due in London in July and January next, and some Debentures payable in London in January 1882, and to enable you to pay £5000 over to the Crown Agents. Particulars of these intended payments will be forwarded by next mail.

The balance of the net proceeds of the Loan you will please pay into the Bank of New South Wales, London, to the credit of the Treasurer of Tasmania with the Commercial Bank, Hobart, as I have made special arrangements with the latter Bank for the transmission hither of the money.

You will be good enough to make the best arrangements you can to secure interest to this Government upon such portion of the £80,000 retained in London as will not be required for some time after the moneys come into your hands.

I must now leave the matter with you and the Bank of New South Wales, and feel confident that your united exertions will be attended with results highly satisfactory to the Government and people of this Colony.

I enclose six copies of the Act of Parliament 44 Vict. No. 34.

The Manager Consolidated Bank, London.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

COLONY OF TASMANIA.

THE Loan of 1881—£300,000 in Debentures bearing 4 per cent. interest, authorised by the Act of the Parliament of Tasmania, 44 Vict. No. 34—is for the following purposes :—

1. For the construction of certain Main Roads and Bridges.
2. For the construction and execution of certain Public Works.
3. For the erection and construction of certain Public Buildings.
4. For the redemption and consolidation of certain small Public Loans bearing rates of interest varying from 5 to 6 per cent.

The Colony of Tasmania contains an area of 26,215 square miles, or 16,778,000 acres of land, with a population of about 115,000.

The debt of the Colony, including the £300,000 now authorised, has been chiefly incurred for the construction of Railways, Roads, Bridges, Telegraphs, and Public Buildings.

The whole of this debt is secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony.

The Colony for some years suffered from depression, but has more recently made considerable progress, as the following Statistics, taken from official records, will show:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>	<i>Total Imports and Exports.</i>
	£	£	£
1871.....	778,087	740,638	1,518,725
1872.....	807,182	910,663	1,717,845
1873.....	1,107,167	893,556	2,000,723
1874.....	1,257,785	925,325	2,183,110
1875.....	1,185,942	1,085,976	2,271,918
1876.....	1,133,003	1,130,983	2,263,986
1877.....	1,308,671	1,416,975	2,725,646
1878.....	1,324,812	1,315,695	2,640,507
1879.....	1,267,475	1,301,097	2,568,572
1880.....	1,369,224	1,497,767	2,866,991

The following figures will serve to indicate that the ratio in which the Revenue of Tasmania has advanced during the past ten years has been much greater than the growth of its indebtedness:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Consolidated Revenue.</i>	<i>Public Debt.</i>
	£	£
1871.....	270,421	1,315,200
1872.....	271,994	1,412,300
1873.....	320,894	1,496,100
1874.....	329,686	1,505,700
1875.....	340,067	1,489,400
1876.....	322,915	1,520,500
1877.....	361,830	1,589,705
1878.....	381,784	1,738,500
1879.....	373,290	1,786,800
1880.....	437,522	1,877,000

The export of Minerals is yearly becoming more important, as the following table of the value of Gold and Tin raised in, and exported from, Tasmania will demonstrate:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Gold.</i>	<i>Tin.</i>
	£	£
1874.....	18,491	6998
1875.....	11,982	31,129
1876.....	44,923	93,054
1877.....	23,289	283,118
1878.....	99,950	309,580
1879.....	145,723	299,121
1880.....	199,613	361,678

The amount to the credit of depositors with the various Banks in the Colony has increased from £670,770 in 1870 to £2,122,090 in the year 1880.

W. R. GIBLIN, *Treasurer.*

Treasury, Hobart, 13 February, 1881.

Treasury, Hobart, 28th February, 1881.

SIR,

CONFIRMING my letter to you of the 14th instant I have now the honor to request that out of the sum of £80,000 to be retained by you from the proceeds of the new £300,000 4 per cent. Loan you will be good enough to pay—

	£
To the Crown Agents.....	5000
Interest falling due in March, April, and May	1380
Ditto July	31,860
Ditto August, September, October, and November	3005
Debentures falling due in January, 1882.....	5000
Interest ditto	31,860
Ditto February, 1882	1625
	£79,730

The balance please to carry to the credit of the ordinary Government account of Tasmania.

If you can arrange to secure interest on such portions of this money as are not required for immediate use it will be satisfactory.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London.

Via Brindisi.

*The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, 28th January, 1881.*

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th November last, informing me that your Government has obtained the sanction of Parliament to proposals to float in London a Loan of £300,000, bearing interest at 4 per cent., and redeemable in the year 1920, for the purpose of consolidating various small Loans of the Government falling due during the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, and also in order to provide for a moderate expenditure upon the construction of Roads, Bridges, and Public Works in the Colony.

Your letter encloses a copy of the Act of Parliament, 44 Vict. No. 34, authorising this Loan, and you are good enough to propose utilising the good offices of this Bank and the Bank of New South Wales in the same manner as with the £300,000 Loan of 1878.

I note that the Debentures required for the Loan were in course of preparation at the date of your letter, and that you hoped to be able to forward them to me in the beginning of the present month. You may rely upon my Directors giving their careful attention, in conjunction with the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales, to the issuing of this Loan to the best advantage of your Government and protecting the Government's interest in every way.

The successful result of the Loan will doubtless depend, to some extent, upon the circumstances of the market at the date of issue; but, looking to the prospect at present afforded, we have no doubt that a Loan could now be issued upon much better terms than on the last occasion.

I shall be glad to receive the statistics of the position and progress of the Colony which you purposed forwarding with the Debentures.

I have, &c.

JAS. TULLOCH, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 14th March, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881, (£300,000).

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 11th instant, of your letter of the 28th January last with reference to the above Loan. I note with satisfaction your assurance of the careful attention of your Directors to the issuing of this Loan to the best advantage, and your opinion that it can now be issued upon much better terms than the Loan of 1878.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

*The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London.*

Treasury, Hobart, 9th April, 1881.

SIR,

£300,000 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of a telegram from you, dated 7th instant, as follows:—"Loan floated. Minimum ninety-seven ten. Realised ninety-nine eleven nine."

Assuming, as I do not doubt the fact is, that this indicates that the average price realised for the bonds was £99 11s. 9d. for each £100, the result can only be regarded as eminently satisfactory. I reserve further comment until I hear from you by letter.

I have, &c.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, London.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Viâ Brindisi and Suez.

The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, 8th April, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 29th ultimo, of your letter of the 14th February last, together with the Debentures representing the new £300,000 four per cent. Loan of your Government; viz.—

	£
100, numbered 1 to 100, of £1000 each.....	100,000
200, numbered 101 to 300, of £500 each.....	100,000
1000, numbered 301 to 1300, of £100 each.....	100,000
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	£300,000
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In accordance with our letter of the 28th January last, and yours above-mentioned, we, in conjunction with the Bank of New South Wales, immediately took steps to bring out the Loan; and, having regard to the favourable state of our money market, and the public estimation of the Loans of your Government, as evidenced by the quotations of them on our Stock Exchange, we considered ourselves fully justified in fixing a high minimum price. This was ultimately settled at £97 10s.

The result you already know by our telegram, despatched yesterday, as follows:—

"Loan floated. Minimum ninety-seven ten. Realised ninety-nine eleven nine."

A list of the allotments made is enclosed herewith.

We are happy to be able to say that this average of £99 11s. 9d. is the highest price that has been realised for any 4 per cent. Australian Loan in this country.

We beg also to enclose a prospectus of the Loan. You will observe that full payment is to be made on the 4th May; after which we will duly carry out your instructions as to the disposal of the proceeds, and place that portion which is to remain in our hands on deposit at interest until required for the payments indicated in your letter of the 14th February last, and of which you were about to forward particulars by the following mail.

In conclusion, I beg to take the opportunity of congratulating your Government upon the successful completion of this issue.

I have, &c.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

JAS. TULLOCH, Manager.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN FOR £300,000.
IN FOUR PER CENT DEBENTURES.

Authorised by the Tasmanian Parliament under the Act 44 Victoria, No. 34, assented to 1st November, 1880, for the purpose of Public Works and redemption of Debentures falling due in 1881 and 1882, and secured upon the Public Revenues of the Colony.

The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank, Limited, as Agents for the Tasmanian Government, have been instructed to negotiate the said Loan for £300,000.

This Loan is issued for the following purposes; viz.—

1. For the construction of certain Main Roads and Bridges.
2. For the construction and execution of certain Public Works.
3. For the erection and construction of certain Public Buildings, and
4. For the redemption and consolidation of certain Public Loans.

The Loan will be issued in Debentures of £1,000, £500 and £100 each, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum from the 1st of January last, and the Coupons of the said Loan are payable upon the 1st of January and 1st of July in each year, at the office of the Banking Agents of the Government of Tasmania in London, where also the principal will be payable on the 1st day of January in the year 1920.

Copies of the Act with the Debentures and Coupons can be seen at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank Limited.

Tenders in the form annexed will be received at the Bank of New South Wales, No. 64, Old Broad Street, up till Two o'clock on Thursday, the 7th proximo, where and when they will be opened in the presence of the Agents, and of such of the Applicants as may attend.

The Debentures will be allotted to the highest bidders, provided the prices offered are not below £97 10s. in money for every £100 in Debentures.

Tenders at a price including a fraction of a shilling other than sixpence will not be preferentially accepted, and should the equivalent Tenders exceed the amount of the Debentures to be allotted, a *pro rata* distribution will be made.

Payment of the Debentures will be required as follows:—

5 per cent. on application, and

The balance on the 4th May next, when the Debentures will be delivered.

Forms of Tender may be obtained at the BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES and the CONSOLIDATED BANK, LIMITED.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
64, Old Broad Street, E.C.

CONSOLIDATED BANK, LIMITED,
52, Threadneedle Street, E.C.

31st March, 1881.

FORM OF TENDER.

To the Directors of

THE BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES,

AND

CONSOLIDATED BANK, LIMITED.

Gentlemen,

_____ hereby tender for £ _____

The amount also in words.

_____ Debentures of the Tasmanian Government, according to the annexed notice of the 31st ultimo, on which _____ enclose the required deposit of £ _____

and undertake to pay £ _____

The amount also in words.

for every £100 in Debentures, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to _____ and to pay the balance in conformity with the terms of the said notice.

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____ April, 1881.

Treasury, Hobart, 21st May, 1881.

SIR,

£300,000 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 8th April, which reached me yesterday, confirming your telegram of the 7th April, and giving fuller advice as to the floating of the above Loan, together with a list of the accepted tenders and a copy of the prospectus.

I reciprocate your congratulations upon the very successful completion of this issue, and have to acknowledge the care and judgment shown on your side in conducting the operations.

I am happy to say that the Colony is continuing to progress. The Census just completed shows a population of 115,651, quite sustaining the estimate of 115,000 which I made in the Memorandum which I forwarded you in February last.

I send you copy of this day's *Mercury*, containing some information as to the results of the Census, and do not doubt that from this time forward the growth of the population will be much more rapid than during the last decade.

Awaiting your further advices as to the completion of the Loan and the transfer to the Bank of New South Wales of the net proceeds (less £80,000) as previously instructed.

I have, &c.

The Manager of the Consolidated Bank, Limited, London.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Via Brindisi.—Reed. 16. 6. 81.

The Consolidated Bank, Limited,
52, Threadneedle-street, London, 6th May, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to enclose a copy of my letter hereon of the 8th ultimo, and to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of the 28th February and 26th March last.

The full amount of the Loan has now been paid up; and, after paying the necessary expenses, commission, &c., and reserving the sum of £80,000 (eighty thousand pounds), in accordance with your letter of the 28th February last, to provide for the payments therein specified, we have duly paid into the Bank of New South Wales the balance of the net proceeds of the Loan, amounting to £216,064 1s. 4d. (two hundred and sixteen thousand and sixty-four pounds one shilling and four-pence), for the credit of the Treasurer of Tasmania with the Commercial Bank, Hobart.

Out of the sum of £80,000 (eighty thousand pounds) reserved in our hands we shall pay to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, in accordance with your instructions, £5000 (five thousand pounds); and we have placed £73,000 (seventy-three thousand pounds) to a Deposit Account, bearing interest until required for your usual disbursements.

We enclose a statement showing the receipts and payments of the Loan, which we have no doubt you will find correct.

We also beg leave to enclose one of the Debentures, No. 935, for £100 (one hundred pounds), to which the signature of the Colonial Auditor is wanting. We should esteem the favour of your having this omission supplied, and returning us the Debenture. The first coupon has been detached and is retained here.

I have, &c.

JAS. TULLOCH, *Manager.*

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 22nd June, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th May, informing me that the full amount of the allotments under the above Loan had been paid up, and that after paying the necessary expenses and reserving the sum of £80,000, in accordance with my instructions, you had paid over to the Bank of New South Wales the balance of the net proceeds of the Loan, amounting to £216,064 1s. 4d., for the credit of the Treasurer of Tasmania with the Commercial Bank, Hobart; and that further, out of the sum of £80,000 held by you, you intend to pay £5000 to the credit of the Crown Agents, reducing the amount placed to the deposit account to £73,000. The statements referred to by you, and Debenture, duly came to hand.

I take this opportunity to again thank you, and the Bank of New South Wales, for the very satisfactory way in which Loan has been floated, and for the manner in which the business connected with it has been conducted.

The Debenture, No. 935, for the sum of £100 is returned herewith, with the omission supplied. The bond now bears the signature of the Colonial Auditor. I trust it will reach you, and regret that the fact that it was not signed should have escaped notice.

The net proceeds of the Loan have been duly credited to this Colony in account at the Commercial Bank here.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager Consolidated Bank, Threadneedle-street, London.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES, LONDON.

Tasmania,
Treasury, Hobart, 21st January, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Government have now before Parliament proposals for public works, which render it desirable that a Loan should be negotiated in London for, say, £400,000 about the month of June next.

I have discussed this matter with the Manager of the Commercial Bank here, and shall hereafter do myself the honor to address you as to the disposal of the proceeds of the proposed Loan, which it is intended to issue at 4 per cent. In the meantime I desire to intimate to you that the Government would wish to avail themselves of your good offices to act in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank in issuing the proposed Loan in a similar manner to the Loan of 1878.

The Manager Bank of New South Wales, London.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Tasmania,
Treasury, Hobart, 31st March, 1880.

SIR,

I HAD the honor to address you on the 21st January last, in reference to the issue of a further 4 per cent. Loan by this Colony for the construction of Public Works, &c.

In consequence of action taken by the Upper Chamber of our Parliament it will necessitate the measures submitted by this Government being laid before the Legislature at a future time, when I hope to communicate with you again with the object of securing your assistance in negotiating the Loan which it was the intention of this Colony to bring forward early in July, but which is now delayed until a later period of the year.

The Manager Bank of New South Wales, London.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

Per *Cuzco*.—Recd. 24. 6. 80.

Bank of New South Wales, London, E. C., 5th March, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 21st January last, delivered to me, *viâ* Brindisi, on the 4th instant, in which you inform me your Government will probably consider it desirable to negotiate in London a Loan for £400,000, in 4 per cent. Bonds, about the month of June next, to provide for outlay on proposed Public Works.

Your letter also informs me of your Government's desire that the Loan should be brought out under the joint agency of this Bank and the Consolidated Bank.

In reply, I have to state that we shall have much pleasure in being associated, as we were in connection with your Loan of 1878, with that institution, and that we will use our best endeavours to secure the favourable placing of your Debentures.

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart,
Tasmania.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.**Viâ* Brindisi.

Bank of New South Wales, London, E. C., 21st May, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 31st March, in reference to the new 4 per cent. Loan which it was the intention of your Government to bring forward in July, and I note that in consequence of action taken by the Upper Chamber of your Parliament the Loan will be delayed until a later period of the year.

The Colonial Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

Treasury, Hobart, 29th November, 1880.

SIR,

I AVAIL myself of this opportunity to forward to you a copy of the Act of Parliament of this Colony, 44 Viet. No. 34, and to inform you that it is the intention of this Government to exercise the powers conferred by this Act and to offer in London Debentures, to the amount of £300,000, in the early part of next year.

I shall be glad to avail myself of the valued offices of your Bank, in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank, in the same manner as I was enabled to do when our last £300,000 Loan was floated in London in 1878.

The Debentures are now being prepared, and I will transmit them to the Consolidated Bank by the mail leaving here early in January.

The sound and progressive state of this Colony is such that, should the present plethora of money continue, I confidently anticipate that a good price will be obtained for these Debentures. Whatever may be thought of New Zealand, we are more likely in Tasmania to be retarded by an excess of caution than to be embarrassed by a too free use of our borrowing powers.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

Treasury, Hobart, 14th February, 1881.

SIR,

REFERRING to my letter to you of the 29th November, I have now the pleasure to inform you that I have this day forwarded to the Manager of the Consolidated Bank the Debentures representing the 1881 £300,000 4 per cent. Loan to be offered in London under the joint auspices of that Bank and your own.

You will observe that the Debentures are in a new and improved form, both as to the Bonds and the Coupons attached, and advantage has been taken of this opportunity to carry out the various suggestions made by your Mr. Larnach in his correspondence with me in 1878.

I have written fully by this mail to the Manager of the Consolidated Bank, who will place himself in communication with you so as to arrange for the time and manner of bringing out the Loan, and the minimum price to be fixed. I enclose 25 printed slips containing some statistics, which afford reliable information as to the progress of the Colony, and which may be found useful.

I have instructed Mr. Tulloch to pay the net proceeds of the Loan (less £80,000 to be retained by him in England for the purposes of this Government) into your Bank to the credit of the Treasurer of Tasmania with the Commercial Bank, Hobart. I have made arrangements with the Manager of the latter Bank as to the transmission of the money here, and he will write you by this day's mail on the subject.

I am quite sure that the sound state of the finances of the Colony, and the favourable state of the money market, will enable the Consolidated Bank and yourselves to carry out this operation in a way which cannot but be satisfactory to the Government. Certainly no prospects could be more favourable.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager Bank New South Wales, London.

Per Mail *via* Brindisi.

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 26th January, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge receipt on 16th instant of your letter of the 29th November last, enclosing copy of the Act of your Parliament, 44 Victoria, No. 34, authorising the raising of a sum of £300,000 in Debentures.

Your letter states it is the intention of your Government to exercise the powers thereby conferred; and their proposal to entrust to this Institution, in conjunction with the Consolidated Bank, the negotiation of the Loan in this market.

I observe that the Debentures will be forwarded in the present month. On their receipt I will place myself in communication with the Consolidated Bank; and you may assure your Government that their interests and those of your Colony will be as zealously cared for as on previous occasions.

A decided change has come over our market within the last fortnight. Money, which had been hardening in value towards the close of 1880, became unexpectedly scarce and dear in the second week of January; and, although the Bank of England and the outside rate for first-class two months' Bills is not more than 3½ per cent., temporary loans for a fortnight are difficult to obtain on the best Government securities at 5 and 5½ per cent. It is impossible to say how long this state of things will last; but there is nothing in view to justify the expectation of immediate ease.

Consequent on this advance in the value of money most securities have given way; and Colonial Debentures exhibit an all-round decline in price, as compared with the first week in January, of about 2 per cent. Sales of these securities have certainly not been pressed, or the fall would have been greater: for it would be a difficult matter to now place a moderate amount (say £20,000) of any Colonial Stock without submitting to a decided reduction on the nominal quotations of the day.

The credit of Tasmania is deservedly high in this market, and its Bonds are well held by investors who know their value. Transactions are, however, few and not important; and the market is more limited than that for other Australian issues. The present quotation of your 4 per cents. is now 98 to 100; but these prices can only be regarded as those at which dealers would be prepared relatively to buy or sell a few hundred pounds of stock.

At this moment, with the existing uncertainty as to the course of our money market, it would be unwise—it would be folly—to attempt the negotiation of any Colonial Loan. In a few weeks' time the prospect may be clearer. Probably we shall have a higher grade for money in the present than in the past year. With slowly improving trade, a decided decrease in our floating capital, and a marked depletion of the bullion reserves of this country and France, it is most improbable we shall see a recurrence of the recent plethora. But Colonial Loans have, ere now, been satisfactorily placed with a bank rate not lower than the present, when the outside value of money has been below that rate.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Honorable the Treasurer, Hobart.

Treasury, Hobart, 14th March, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881, £300,000.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt, on the 11th instant, of your letter dated 26th January, as to above Loan.

I have to thank you for the full information as to the state of the money market at the time of your writing, and note that your opinion is less sanguine than my other advices. The slight delay in the preparation of the Debentures will, I judge from the English telegrams, prove to have been advantageous, as the prices of Colonial Stocks seem to have improved in the interval.

I confidently rely upon the continuance during the present transaction of that care and attention which I had thankfully to acknowledge in 1878.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

Viù Brindisi.—Recd. 20. 5. 81.

*Bank of New South Wales,
London, E.C., 8th April, 1881.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt on the 29th ultimo of your letter of the 14th February, informing me that you had forwarded the Manager of the Consolidated Bank in this City the £300,000 Debentures of your Government 4 per cent. Loan of 1881, with instructions to that gentleman to place himself in communication with me so as to arrange for the bringing out the Loan and for fixing the minimum price of allotment.

On the day I received your letter I had a conference with Mr. Tulloch, and we agreed in opinion that the present time was extremely favourable for issue, and that not a day should be lost in advertising and submitting the Loan for tender. The market price of your existing 4 per cents. was then 99 at 100, and we decided on fixing the minimum, which you had left to our discretion, at £97 10s. for each £100 Debenture.

The necessary advertisement, of which a cutting will be found amongst my enclosures, was inserted on the 1st instant; and in conformity therewith, tenders were received at this office up to 2 P.M. yesterday, when they were opened and read by me in the presence of Mr. Tulloch and a Director of the Consolidated Bank.

It is now my pleasant duty to congratulate you on the marked success that has attended this issue, which has realised an average of £99 11s. 9d. per £100, higher than any Australian 4 per cent. Loan hitherto placed on this market. Cable advice of the result has been already sent you by the Consolidated Bank. A copy of the tenders accepted and rejected is enclosed, and from this you will learn that they aggregated £1,143,500 at prices ranging from £97 10s., the minimum, to £99 15s. 6d. The usual deposits of 5 per cent. on the amounts allotted were handed by us yesterday to the Consolidated Bank, to whom we shall, on the 4th proximo, when the balance is due, apply for the net proceeds of the Loan, less the £80,000 mentioned by you, and shall place the amount received, in accordance with your wishes, to the credit of the Commercial Bank, Hobart, on your account, advising that Bank thereof.

The Loan has been simply noticed by the Press, but without comment in a single instance, I do not therefore trouble you with cuttings.

The slips containing statistical information in connection with your colony, which you were good enough to forward me, have been found useful.

The Bonds and Coupon Sheets are very satisfactory in form and in appearance, and leave nothing to be desired, but in the event of future issues I would recommend a larger proportion of the £100 denomination, at least one-half of the entire issue.

I also enclose copy of the Prospectus.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Treasurer, Hobart, Tasmania.

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN for £300,000, in Four per Cent. Debentures. Authorized by the Tasmanian Parliament under the Act 44 Victoria, No. 34, assented to 1st November, 1880, for the purpose of public works and redemption of debentures falling due in 1881 and 1882, and secured upon the public revenues of the Colony.

The Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited), as agents for the Tasmanian Government, have been instructed to negotiate the said Loan for £300,000.

This Loan is issued for the following purposes; viz. —

1. For the construction of certain main roads and bridges.
2. For the construction and execution of certain public works.
3. For the erection and construction of certain public buildings, and
4. For the redemption and consolidation of certain public loans.

The Loan will be issued in debentures of £1000, £500, and £100 each, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum from the 1st of January last, and the coupons of the said Loan are payable upon the 1st of January and 1st of July in each year, at the office of the banking agents of the Government of Tasmania in London, where also the principal will be payable on the 1st day of January in the year 1920.

Copies of the Act with the debentures and coupons can be seen at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited).

Tenders in the form annexed will be received at the Bank of New South Wales, No. 64, Old Broad-street, up till 2 o'clock on Thursday, the 7th April, where and when they will be opened in the presence of the agents and of such of the applicants as may attend.

The debentures will be allotted to the highest bidders, provided the prices offered are not below £97 10s. in money for every £100 in debentures.

Tenders at a price including a fraction of a shilling other than 6d. will not be preferentially accepted, and should the equivalent tenders exceed the amount of the debentures to be allotted a *pro rata* distribution will be made.

Payment of the debentures will be required as follows:—5 per cent. on application, and the balance on the 4th May next, when the debentures will be delivered.

Forms of tender may be obtained at the Bank of New South Wales and the Consolidated Bank (Limited).

Bank of New South Wales, 64, Old Broad-street, E.C.

Consolidated Bank (Limited), 52, Threadneedle-street, E.C.

31st March, 1881.

Form of Tender.

To the Directors of the Bank of New South Wales and Consolidated Bank (Limited).

Gentlemen, ————— hereby tender for £— (the amount also in words) Debentures of the Tasmanian Government, according to the annexed notice of the 31st ult., on which ———— enclose the required deposit of £——, and undertake to pay (the amount also in words) £—— for every £100 in debentures, and to accept the same or any less amount that may be allotted to ———, and to pay the balance in conformity with the terms of the said notice.

Name

Address

Date

April, 1881.

Treasury, Hobart, 21st May, 1881.

SIR,

£300,000 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your valued favour of the 8th April, conveying to me full information as to the successful issue on the 7th April of the above Loan, at an average price of £99 11s. 9d. for each £100 Debenture, and forwarding me lists of the accepted and rejected tenders, and copies of the advertisement and prospectus.

It gives me great pleasure to reciprocate your congratulations upon the fact that this issue of Debentures realised a higher price than any Australian 4 per cent. Loan hitherto placed on the London market. And I desire to cordially acknowledge the care, ability, and judgment shown by yourself and the Manager of the Consolidated Bank in the choice of the time for placing the Loan, the fixing of the minimum, and conducting the operation throughout so successfully.

It is gratifying to learn that the altered form of Debentures and Coupons are approved of; and your suggestion that in any future issues a large proportion of the Debentures should be of the £100 denomination has been noted for the guidance of this Department.

I await your fuller advice as to the receipt of the net proceeds of the Loan, and am glad to report the steady and encouraging progress made in the opening up of the large mineral resources of the Colony, and the very satisfactory and continuous increase of the Consolidated Revenue.

I enclose copy of this day's Hobart *Mercury* containing some account of the Census recently taken here. This shows an increase in our population from 99,328 in 1870 to 115,651 at the present time. This increase of 16,323 is not a very large one, but during the first part of the period embraced in the comparison the condition of the Colony was stationary, if not retrogressive. Latterly affairs have brightened considerably, and I look forward to a much more rapid progress during the next decade.

I have, &c.

W. R. GIBLIN.

The Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, London.

Via Brindisi.—Received 16. 6. 81.

Bank of New South Wales, London, E.C., 6th May, 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that the balances of the allotments on the Loan for £300,000 for your Government have all been paid, and that the Consolidated Bank handed us—

	£	s.	d.
On the 4th instant	100,000	0	0
On the 5th instant	110,000	0	0
On the 6th instant	6064	1	4
	<u>£216,064</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

which amount we have passed to your credit with the Commercial Bank.

The closed account of the Loan will be forwarded to you by Mr. Tulloch, of the Consolidated Bank.

Application is being made to the Stock Exchange for an official daily quotation in the Stock Exchange List, and I hope shortly to be able to report that this has been granted.

I may say that the present (to-day's) quotation of your 4 per cent. bonds is 100½ @ 101.

I have, &c.

J. BADCOCK, *Manager.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Tasmania.

Treasury, Hobart, 22nd June, 1881.

SIR,

Tasmanian 4 per cent. Loan, 1881.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th May, intimating that the balance of the allotment on the Loan for £300,000 had all been paid, and that the Consolidated Bank handed over to you, per account of this Government, the sum of £216,064 1s. 4d., upon the dates named.

The amount has been duly placed to the credit of this Colony in its account with the Commercial Bank in this City, and I take this opportunity to again convey to you the thanks of this Government for the satisfactory way in which the business connected with the floating of this Loan has been conducted by your Bank and the Consolidated Bank jointly.

I shall be glad to hear that you have succeeded in obtaining for this Loan an official daily quotation in the Stock Exchange List, as it is desirable that all transactions in connection with this Loan should be officially recorded in the manner proposed by you.

I note that the price stated by you for the 4 per cent. Bonds upon the 6th May is 100½ @ 101.

I have, &c.

The Manager Bank of New South Wales,
Old Broad-street, London.

W. R. GIBLIN.

RETURN of Tasmanian Government Debentures issued under Act 44 Vict. No. 34 by the Consolidated Bank and Bank of New South Wales for a 4 per cent. Loan of £300,000 subscribed for by Public Tender in London on the 7th April, 1881.

Price tendered for every £100 Debenture.			Amount allotted.	Total paid.		
£	s.	d.	£	£	s.	d.
99	6	6	24,900	24,731	18	6
99	7	0	5000	4967	10	0
99	8	0	55,000	54,670	0	0
99	9	6	25,000	24,868	15	0
99	11	6	5000	4978	15	0
99	12	0	100	99	12	0
99	14	0	180,000	179,460	0	0
99	15	6	5000	4988	15	0
—			300,000	298,765	5	6

Being an average of £99 11s. 9d. per £100.

These Debentures were issued for sums of £100, £500, and £1000, each bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on 1st July and 1st January, and are redeemable in London in the year 1892.

The whole £300,000 were offered for sale in London by Public Tender on 7th April last, and a deposit of 5 per cent. paid on allotment; and the balance, due on the 4th May following, has also been paid.

Amount realised on allotment of £300,000 Debentures	£	s.	d.
	298,765	5	6
Deduct cost of negotiating Loan in London—			
Telegrams	8	10	8
Stamp Duty on £1300 Bonds for £300,000, at 2s. 6d. per cent.	375	0	0
Brokerage	750	0	0
Commission	1500	0	0
Advertising, &c.	67	13	6
	2701	4	2
Expenses in the Colony—			
Cost of plate and printing of Debentures, &c.	137	7	1
	2838	11	3
	£295,926	14	3

Average cost of negotiating the Loan—18s. 11d. per cent.

WM. H. WINDSOR, Assistant Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hobart, 30th June, 1881.