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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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SETTLEMENT OF DEBT TO BRITISH TREASURY.

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TASMANIA.
No. 1.

Downing-street, 2nd January, 1866.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to transmit to you, for your information and guidance, a copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, with copies of a letter from Assistant-Commissary-General Hawkins, and of a Memorandum by him, showing the details of the settlement of the debt of Sixty thousand five hundred Pounds due from the Colonial Government of Tasmania.

You will observe that Mr. Hawkins has been authorised to continue to withhold any money payments on account of Police and Gaols, with the view of decreasing the heavy balance due to the Imperial Government for the maintenance of Colonial inmates in Imperial Institutions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor T. GORE BROWNE, C.B.

Mr. CHILDERS to Sir F. ROGERS.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers, 19th December, 1865.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 5th of June, 1861, and to the reply of this Board of the 26th of June of the same year, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Cardwell, the enclosed copies of a letter from Assistant-Commissary-General Hawkins, and of the Memorandum enclosed therein, showing the details of the settlement of the debt of £60,500 due from the Colonial Government of Tasmania by withholding the payment of the Imperial contribution of £6000 a year towards Police and Gaols up to the 31st of July, 1865; and I am desired to acquaint you that my Lords have authorised Assistant-Commissary-General Hawkins to continue to withhold any money payments on account of Police and Gaols, with the view of decreasing the heavy balance due to the Imperial Government for the maintenance of Colonial inmates in Imperial Institutions.

I am, &c.

(Signed) HUGH C. E. CHILDERS.

Sir F. ROGERS, *Bart.*

Assistant-Commissary-General HAWKINS to Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

(Copy.)

E. No. 205.

Commissariat, Tasmania, Hobart Town, 22nd August, 1865.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter, No. 8759 $\frac{1}{6}$ of the 14th June, 1861, in which, alluding to the non-payment of the instalments of the debt of £60,000 due from the Colony of Tasmania to the Imperial Treasury, you desire the Officer then in charge of the Treasury Chest to "abstain from making any actual issues of money from the Chest in respect of the annual grant for Police and Gaols so long as the annual instalment of £5000 in discharge of this debt is suspended," I have the honor to report that the amount accruing since the last payment on account of Police and

Gaols reached, on the 31st July last, £30,500, which sum precisely corresponded with the balance due by the Colony on account of the Loan alluded to in your letter above quoted as £60,000, but the precise amount of which was £60,500.

In order to narrow as far as possible the outstanding accounts between the two Governments, I have granted to the Colonial Treasury receipts for the above balance of the loan, receiving in return from that Officer his acknowledgment for the payment of the contribution to Police and Gaols up to the 31st ultimo.

As the payments on account of this transaction have ranged over so many years, I annex a Memorandum relating to its details, which may possibly be found of some service.

I presume it will be considered expedient to continue to withhold these money payments on account of Police and Gaols, with the view of decreasing the heavy balance due to the Imperial Government for the maintenance of Colonial inmates in Imperial Institutions, the cost of which still annually exceeds the amount of the charge due *vice versa* for Imperial inmates in Colonial Institutions.

I would therefore suggest that I may be furnished with their Lordships' instructions on this point, pending which I shall make no money payments unless so commanded by His Excellency the Governor.

I have, &c.

(Signed) V. W. C. HAWKINS.

The Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

(Copy.)

THE Imperial Government in Account Current with the Colonial Government.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To repayment on account of the Loan of £60,500—							By Cash advanced from the Treasury Chest—						
1850. December 9th ...	5000	0	0				1844. May 30th	30,000	0	0			
1851. July 8th	2500	0	0				July 18th	9000	0	0			
December 31st ...	2500	0	0				August 5th	6000	0	0			
1852. July 27th	5000	0	0				December 20th ..	5000	0	0			
1853. May 25th	5000	0	0								50,000	0	0
1854. January 16th ...	5000	0	0				By Amounts advanced to the Agent-General in England—						
1855. December 29th ..	5000	0	0				1844. October 25th	6500	0	0			
				30,000	0	0	1845. June 6th	2500	0	0			
To Imperial contribution in aid of Police and Gaols at the rate of £6000 per annum from 1st July, 1860, to 31st July, 1865							1846. February 28th ...	1500	0	0			
											10,500	0	0
				£60,500	0	0					£60,500	0	0

(Signed) V. W. C. HAWKINS.

Commissariat, Tasmania, Hobarton, 22nd August, 1865.