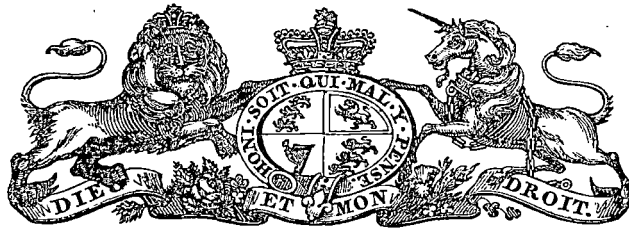


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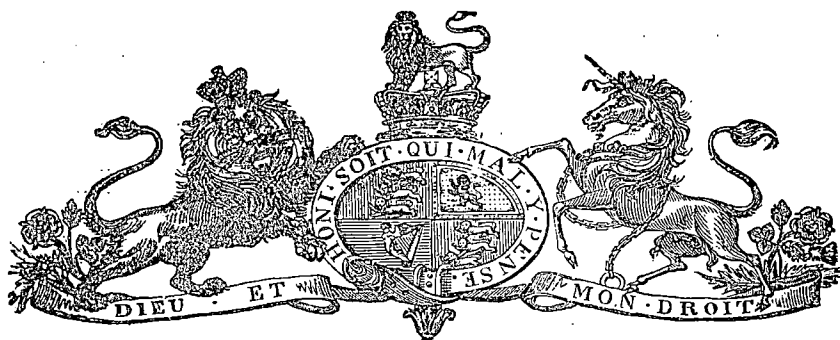
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MAIN LINE RAILWAY:

TREASURY CORRESPONDENCE.

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Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



## MAIN LINE RAILWAY.

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### TREASURY CORRESPONDENCE.

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#### RE GUARANTEED INTEREST.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th October, 1885.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure, so far as they can be made up in this Colony, of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarter ending the 30th September last.

It is satisfactory to notice that the Receipts exhibit an increase as compared with the corresponding quarter of any previous year. The Expenses are less than during last year; but as the quarter to which they refer is that of the minimum annual Receipts, the credit balance on the working of the Line is somewhat reduced, and now amounts to £1226 4s. 11d.

The debit balance brought forward shows that the Government are indebted to the Main Line Railway Company in the sum of £10,116 11s. 9d., in addition to the interest of last quarter, making a total of £18,241 11s. 9d. payable by the Government, for which I enclose an account, and have to request due payment thereof according to the terms of the Contract.

You are probably aware that the Company have obtained the opinion of a very eminent Queen's Counsel, specially skilled in Railway law and practice, on the matters in dispute between the Government and the Company, and that he has advised the Company that their claim for the full amount demanded cannot legally be objected to; also, that the Government have committed a breach of the Contract by not paying the full amount of the guaranteed interest.

I trust, therefore, that the Government will abandon the position they have taken up, and enter into a new arrangement with the Company by which to guide our operations in the future.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

*Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

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## TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th October, 1885.

AN ABSTRACT showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &amp;c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three Months ending 30th September, 1885.

Dr.		£ s. d.		Cr.		£ s. d.	
<b>To Expenditure—</b>				<b>By Receipts—</b>			
Permanent Way .....		6302	13 2	Passengers.....		7964	6 3
Locomotive Power .....		4282	4 6	Parcels .....		583	17 4
Carriages and Wagons .....		943	9 10	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs .....		200	0 6
Traffic Expenses .....		2355	11 3	Excess Luggage .....		94	16 6
General Charges, London .....		1213	18 5	Left Luggage .....		8	1 4
Ditto, Tasmania .....		949	13 10	Telegrams .....		59	16 9
Miscellaneous Expenses .....		121	12 0	Mails .....		750	0 0
Launceston & Western Railway Toll		1084	7 6	Goods .....		4354	9 11
				Minerals.....		473	13 11
				Live Stock.....		771	6 2
				Rents and Sundries .....		182	16 1
						<hr/>	<hr/>
						15,443	4 9
Balance carried forward to next Quarter .....		1226	4 11	Balance brought forward from last Quarter .....		3036	10 8
						<hr/>	<hr/>
						£18,479	15 5
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						£18,479	15 5

C. H. GRANT, General Manager.

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

## T A S M A N I A.

## THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED, HOBART.

Guaranteed Interest Department.

1885.			£	s.	d.
July 1	Balance due upon Accounts rendered to 30th June, 1885.....	10,116	11	9	
to	To One-fourth proportion of the yearly interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company (Limited), at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the sum of £650,000 expended on the Construction of the Railway, and payable according to the terms of the Act of Parliament 46 Victoria, No. 43, Section 5—One-fourth of £32,500.....	8125	0	0	
Sept. 30.		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		£18,241	11	9	

Amounting to Eighteen thousand two hundred and forty-one pounds eleven shillings and ninepence.

For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,

C. H. GRANT.

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

14th October, 1885.

REFERRED to the Colonial Auditor, as to the correct amount to be paid to the Company after adjusting the account.

W. H. BURGESS, Treasurer.  
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If the account is to be adjusted to the 31st December, 1884, and the usual £25 is to be withheld, the amount to be paid to the Company is £4112 0s. 3d., made up as follows:—

			£	s.	d.
	The Amount available for reduction reported in the Auditor's letter of the 4th May last.....	8637	19	9	
	Deducted from June quarter's Account of £8100 (that is, £8125 less usual deduction of £25), £3500 having been paid.....	4600	0	0	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	Leaving to deduct.....	£4037	19	9	
			£	s.	d.
	September quarter usual payment .....	8100	0	0	
	Less .....	4037	19	9	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			£4062	0	3
	Add payments due to Company not adjusted—				
	30th June, 1884.....	25	0	0	
	30th September, 1884.....	25	0	0	
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			£4112	0	3

This will leave £75 due on the three quarters of 1885.

W. LOVETT, Colonial Auditor.  
26th October, 1885.

MEMO.

	£	s.	d.
Amount to pay .....	4112	0	3
1885, Stoppages .....	75	0	0
1883, Construction ditto .....	5863	18	9
1884, ditto.....	8190	12	9
Amount for which Mr. Grant renders account.....	£18,241	11	9

*Treasury, Hobart, 27th October, 1885.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, submitting an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company for the quarter ended 30th September last.

I beg to draw your attention to my letter of 4th August, 1885, and to state that for the present I am prepared to pass the charge made in 1884 for the purchase of a new lathe, awaiting a further report from the Colonial Auditor on the subject; but with regard to the item referred to in the third paragraph of my letter of the same date, I have the honor to inform you that up to the present time I have not received a satisfactory explanation with regard to this charge of £472 10s.—Remuneration to Trustees; there is therefore no other course open to me than to deduct the amount from the balance of subsidy due to your Company.

After adjusting the account between the Government and your Company to the close of the year 1884, in terms of the contract, the balance payable to you will be £3639 10s. 3d., which sum I have directed the Under-Treasurer to pay over to you on application. I avail myself of this opportunity to remind you that so far back as the 20th July last I advised you that it must be clearly understood that this adjustment would be made after the close of the September quarter. In doing so I desired to give you timely notice as to the intentions of the Government, in order to avoid any embarrassment to your Company.

I have, &amp;c.

*The Manager T.M.L.R. Co., Hobart.*

*W. H. BURGESS, Treasurer.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 27th October, 1885.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter bearing this day's date, and note that you only propose to pay the Tasmanian Line Railway Company, Limited, the sum of £3639 10s. 3d., in lieu of the £18,241 11s. 9d. claimed to be due to them under the Contract.

While purposing to draw this amount (as I have done other recent payments) under the same form of receipt and protest as hitherto, I must be considered to claim that the Company are entitled to the full sum of £18,241 11s. 9d. with interest thereon at bank-overdraft rates from the date of the various items thereof becoming due.

In regard to the additional deduction mentioned by you of the £472 10s. paid to the Trustees of the Funded Interest Certificates, I hoped that my letter dated the 27th July last would have given sufficient information. It was a sum voted by the Company as being due to certain persons for work annually performed, but whose remuneration had been allowed to get in arrear. It is clearly an item of annual expense to the Company in connection with its management, and therefore payable from current revenue until the duties cease to be performed, which will shortly be the case.

I have, &amp;c.

*Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

*C. H. GRANT.*

*Treasury, Hobart, 28th October, 1885.*

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Three thousand six hundred and thirty-nine pounds ten shillings and three pence, on account of the guaranteed interest, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1885; but such payment is made and received without admitting the right of the Government to deduct certain moneys on account of the years 1883 and 1884, and without prejudice to any further or other claims by or against the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company under or arising out of the contract between the Government and the Company.

£3639 10s. 3d.

*The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, by their Attorney,*

*C. H. GRANT.*

*Witness to Signature—W. BENSON.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th January, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarter ending the 31st December last.

In reviewing the result of the year's operations, you will notice that, as compared with the previous year, the receipts have increased by the sum of £4379 15s. 11d., but that the expenses have been augmented in a greater ratio.

On an examination of the figures it will be found that the greater portion of such increased expenditure lies in the Permanent Way Department. The Engineer-in-Chief, in his Reports to the Government of the 22nd May, 1884, and of the 31st July, 1885, commented on the unsatisfactory condition of the northern portion of the railway, which I explained was owing to the extreme difficulty of procuring sleepers on reasonable terms during the time that the very large Government contracts for sleepers were in course of execution. Since these were completed sleepers have been readily obtained, of which advantage has been taken to restore the permanent way to a proper condition; the more especially in view of the large increase of traffic that will shortly come upon it from the opening of the Fingal Railway. The present being an unprecedentedly favourable time for obtaining sleepers, I purpose that renewals thereof shall be kept up to the proper requirements.

The necessary alterations for allowing the Government stock to run freely over the line have been made, and have entailed some little expense. The unfortunate slip of the embankment at Risdon has been a very heavy item of loss during the past quarter.

The present is the time when the renewal of permanent way material, bridges, and fencing is the most heavily felt on the Main Line Railway, and these have only been kept up to the standard of safety.

In consequence of the dispute with the Government, the increase of rolling stock, which I mentioned at this time last year as being urgently required, has not been effected; and since the Government are now procuring a large quantity for their railways, which can be used and exchanged with that of the Main Line Railway, the necessity for augmenting the Main Line Railway stock is not now urgent. Even at the present time the Government stock supersedes that of this Railway in carrying some descriptions of freight into Hobart.

Adding together the receipts and expenses of the four quarters of the year 1885, it will be found that a balance of profit of £178 0s. 6d. remains, which has therefore to be deducted from the guaranteed interest due on the last quarter, reducing the claim of the Company for such period to £7946 19s. 6d., as shown in the enclosed account.

I have also necessarily brought forward the sums in dispute between the Government and the Company, being the deductions from the guaranteed interest due in 1883 and 1884, and interest thereon, calculated quarterly, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

I shall be greatly obliged by your directing payment to be made, in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

*Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

## TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th January, 1886.

AN ABSTRACT showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &amp;c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three Months ending 31st December, 1885.

To Expenditure—	Dr.	£	s.	d.	By Receipts—	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Permanent Way .....		7379	6	11	Passengers .....		10,418	10	3
Locomotive Power .....		4831	14	5	Parcels .....		595	5	9
Carriages and Wagons .....		1405	5	6	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs .....		278	9	7
Traffic Expenses .....		2663	4	5	Excess Luggage .....		101	10	6
General Charges, London .....		800	0	0	Left Luggage .....		8	16	11
Ditto, Tasmania .....		996	13	3	Telegrams .....		68	19	5
Miscellaneous Expenses .....		184	9	10	Mails .....		750	0	0
Launceston and Evandale Toll .....		1084	7	6	Goods .....		4716	4	5
					Minerals .....		333	3	10
					Live Stock .....		755	12	0
					Rent and Sundries .....		270	3	10
		19,345	1	10			18,296	17	5
Balance .....		178	0	5	Balance brought forward from last Quarter .....		1226	4	11
		<u>£19,523</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>£19,523</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

C. H. GRANT, Manager.

## TASMANIA.

## THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED, HOBART.

1885.	Guaranteed Interest Department.	£	s.	d.
	Balance due upon Accounts rendered to 30th September, 1885 .....	14,602	1	6
	Interest on the above overdue amount at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, calculated quarterly to December 31, 1885 .....	579	10	7
Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st.	One-fourth proportion of the yearly interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the sum of £650,000 expended on the construction of the Railway and payable according to the terms of the Act of Parliament 46 Vict. No. 43, Section 5— One-fourth of £32,500 .....	£8125	0	0
	Less Balance of Revenue Account for year 1885 as per Abstract herewith .....	178	0	6
		7946	19	6
		<u>£23,128</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>7</u>

Amounting to Twenty-three thousand one hundred and twenty-eight pounds eleven shillings and sevenpence.

For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.  
Jan. 14th, 1886.

C. H. GRANT.

The Treasury, Hobart, 29th January, 1886.

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-one pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, on account of the guaranteed interest for the quarter ending 31st December, 1885, less the sum of Twenty-five pounds retained pending the adjustment of the account for the year 1885, and One hundred and seventy-eight pounds and sixpence, being balance of profit on the working of the line for the year 1885, as stated by the Manager in his letter of 14th January, 1886; but such payment is made and received without admitting the right of the Government to deduct certain moneys on account of the years 1883 and 1884, and without prejudice to any further or other claims by or against the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company under or arising out of the contract between the Government and the Company.

Per the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,

£7921 19s. 6d.

C. H. GRANT.

Witness to signature and payment—W. BENSON.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*  
*General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th April, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarter ending the 31st March last, and also an Account for the guaranteed interest, amounting to £8125, which it has been usual to pay nearly in full during the first three quarters of the year, adjusting the account in the last quarter.

It is a matter for regret that the traffic receipts of the Line show a decline as compared with those of the past year; but when the depressed condition of the agricultural interest in Tasmania is taken into consideration it will, I think, be a subject for congratulation that the decline is not of a much larger amount.

The excursion traffic from the neighbouring Colonies compares unfavourably with preceding years; but the chief falling off is undoubtedly due to the less expenditure of the country districts, both in travel and in the payment of freight.

You will oblige by directing that the account herewith submitted shall be paid, in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

*Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

*Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th April, 1886.*

*AN ABSTRACT showing the Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three Months ending 31st March, 1886.*

To Expenditure—	Dr.	£	s.	d.	By Receipts—	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Permanent Way .....		6977	8	6	Passengers, 94,514 .....		12,043	1	11
Locomotive Power .....		5479	11	1	Parcels, 9675 .....		554	16	9
Carriages and Wagons .....		625	16	10	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs .....		306	5	11
Traffic Expenses.....		2356	1	6	Excess Luggage.....		114	11	3
General charges, London .....		800	0	0	Left Luggage.....		11	2	3
Ditto, Tasmania .....		946	0	10	Telegrams, 1861 .....		79	5	11
Miscellaneous Expenses .....		103	18	8	Mails .....		750	0	0
Launceston and Evandale Railway, Tolls		1084	7	6	Goods, 9964 tons .....		5140	9	9
					Minerals, 1135 tons .....		278	0	2
					Live Stock .....		733	8	11
Balance carried forward .....		18,373	4	11	Rent and sundries .....		229	6	10
		1867	4	9					
		<u>£20,240</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>£20,240</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*

C. H. GRANT, *General Manager.*

T A S M A N I A.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

1886.

*Guaranteed Interest Department.*

£ s. d.

Jan. 1 to	To One-fourth proportion of the yearly Interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the sum of £650,000 expended on the construction of the Railway, and payable according to the Act of Parliament 46 Victoria, No. 43, Section 5—	
Mar. 31.	One-fourth of £32,500.....	8125 0 0
		<u>£8125 0 0</u>

Amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

*For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*  
*April 14th, 1886.*

C. H. GRANT.

Treasury, Hobart, April 28th, 1886.

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Eight thousand one hundred pounds on account of guaranteed interest for the quarter ended 31st March, 1886; but such payment is made and received without prejudice to any further or other claims by or against the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company under or arising out of the Contract between the Government and the Company.

*The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, by their Attorney,*

C. H. GRANT.

Witness—W. BENSON.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*

*General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarter ending 30th June last.

It is a matter of regret to notice that the returns show such a serious decline on those of the corresponding quarter of last year, and the appearance of the account is further prejudiced by the large increase in the expenditure.

This latter feature is, however, qualified by the consideration that the cost of locomotive power has been very largely swelled by the receipt of five new boilers, to replace those of the locomotives now in use, (but the old ones will be disposed of for low-pressure boilers). Inasmuch as these will probably last nearly ten years, such an exceptional expense will not again occur for some time to come.

The outlay on the permanent way has been unusually large, on account of my desire to prepare for the increased traffic that must be brought thereon by the Government Railways.

There are also some amounts due which would have gone in reduction of the expenditure—as they did in the corresponding period of last year—only, on this occasion, they were not so correctly ascertained as that they could be dealt with. Further, some few credits are due, which, from the same cause, could not be included in the receipts.

What may be considered the normal expenditure is somewhat less this quarter than in that of 1885.

The usual account for the guaranteed interest of the quarter, amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds (£8125) is herewith enclosed, and I shall be obliged by your directing its payment in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

I have, &c.

Hon. W. H. BURGESS, *M.H.A., Treasurer.*

C. H. GRANT.

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

*Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1886.*

*AN ABSTRACT showing the Receipts and Expenditure on Account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three Months ending 30th June, 1886.*

DR.		£	s.	d.	CR.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure—					By Receipts—				
Permanent Way .....		7624	1	10	Passengers, 84,194 .....		9155	5	4
Locomotive Power.....		7297	6	5	Parcels, 9954 .....		551	5	11
Carriages and Wagons .....		1491	12	0	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs .....		205	8	1
Traffic Expenses.....		2769	5	8	Excess Luggage .....		93	16	6
General Charges, London.....		800	0	0	Left Luggage .....		8	0	8
Ditto, Tasmania .....		969	14	0	Telegrams, 1511 .....		61	0	8
Miscellaneous Expenses.....		40	15	6	Mails.....		750	0	0
Launceston and Evandale Toll.....		1084	7	6	Goods, 10,051 tons .....		4664	5	6
					Minerals, 1237 tons.....		293	2	11
					Live Stock .....		756	3	6
					Rent and Sundries .....		197	15	10
							16,736	4	11
					Balance from last Quarter.....		1867	4	9
					Balance carried forward .....		3473	13	3
							£22,077	2	11
							£22,077	2	11

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*

C. H. GRANT, *General Manager.*



## TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA *Dr.**To* THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

1886.	<i>Guaranteed Interest Department.</i>	£ s. d.
March 31.	Balance due on March quarter, as per Account rendered .....	25 0 0
April 1 to June 30.	One-fourth proportion of the yearly interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the sum of £650,000 expended on the construction of the Railway and payable according to the Act of Parliament, 46 Vict. No. 43, Section 5— One-fourth of £32,500.....	8125 0 0
		<u>£8150 0 0</u>

Amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and fifty Pounds.

*For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*

C. H. GRANT.

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*  
July 14, 1886.*Treasury, Hobart, 15th July, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing the Abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, so far as can be made up in the Colony, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1886, which will be duly attended to.

I have, &amp;c.

J. E. PACKER, *pro Treasurer.**The General Manager T.M.L.R. Company, Hobart.**Treasury, Hobart, 24th July, 1886.*

SIR,

ADVERTING to my letter of the 15th instant, acknowledging yours of the 14th instant, forwarding Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1886, so far as the same can be made up in this Colony, I have now the honor to state that I have before me the Colonial Auditor's Report to the Government on the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1885; and, in order to prevent any delay in payment of the advance for the second quarter of the year 1886 on the 29th instant, I beg to enclose for your information a statement I have had prepared, showing the amount to be deducted from the usual advance of £8100, so that the account for the year 1885 may be closed.

You will observe from this statement that I am in a position to advance the sum of £6706 10s. 10d. on account of the current year, which sum I am prepared to pay over to you on application at this office in the usual way.

In his Report the Colonial Auditor furnishes extracts from the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief, drawing attention to some small additions and alterations to the property of the Company, which, I learn, the Auditor brought under your notice on the 13th May last. I have not dealt with this expenditure in the account now submitted, but I trust you will not regard this as an indication that the Government is not unmindful of special outlay of this kind.

I have, &amp;c.

W. H. BURGESS, *Treasurer.**The Manager Tasmanian Main Line  
Railway Company, Limited, Hobart.*

## MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY.

*PAYMENT to be made for Quarter ended 30th June, 1886, to adjust Accounts for year 1885.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Advance on account guaranteed interest after deducting the usual sum of £25 .....				8100	0	0
Deduct amount of expenditure for 1885 which should be charged to Capital Account (see Auditor's Report, 28th May, 1886) .....	1414	14	2			
Also amount for Trustees' remuneration objected to by Treasurer ....	78	15	0			
				<u>1493</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
Less amount of deductions made from each quarterly payment of 1885,—viz., 4 quarters at £25 each .....	100	0	0			
				<u>1393</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
To be advanced for Quarter ended 30th June, 1886 .....				£6706	10	10

J. E. PACKER, *Under Treasurer.*

A. REID, *Accountant.*

*Treasury, 21st July, 1886.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 27th July, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 24th instant, in which you inform me that having received the Colonial Auditor's Report to the Government on the Accounts of the Company for the year 1885, you have prepared a statement showing the amount you propose to deduct from the usual quarterly advance now due on account of the annual subsidy, the result being that you are prepared to pay £6706 10s. 10d. as a balance on the year 1885.

You further allude to a Report of the Engineer-in-Chief in which some small items of expenditure are mentioned that you have not dealt with; but in the absence of any information respecting that Report, or of the Report of the Colonial Auditor, I am unable to reply to your remark.

Since I learn by my English advices that the Agent-General, under the instructions of the Government, is negotiating a settlement of the similar disputes in regard to the accounts of previous years, and which settlement must form a precedent for dealing with the accounts of the past year, I propose to accept the sum you offer, without prejudice to the claim of the Company for the full amount due to them, as per accounts rendered to you: thus continuing the system of drawing money on account, that has now prevailed for a considerable period.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

Hon. W. H. BURGESS, *M.H.A., Treasurer.*

*Treasury, Hobart, 29th July, 1886.*

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Six thousand seven hundred and six pounds ten shillings and ten pence on account of guaranteed interest for the quarter ended 30th June, 1886, but such payment is made and received without prejudice to any further or other claims by or against the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company under or arising out of the contract between the Government and the Company.

*The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, by their Attorney,*

C. H. GRANT.

*Witness to the payment—W. BENSON.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 16th October, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, for the quarter ending the 30th September last.

You will doubtless notice that the decline in the traffic receipts, which was such a serious amount in the first half of the year, has continued throughout the past quarter, which, therefore, compares unfavourably with the same period during the two preceding years. I find by an analysis of the accounts that such decline is not from one source, but applies to all branches of the service and from all stations, the falling off in the country business being of even greater amount than that of the termini of the railway.

The expenses have been reduced by credits from the sale of old material, but a large debit balance remains on the year, which, however, it is probable will be wiped off by the better returns of the Christmas quarter.

No profit having accrued during the current 12 months, the Government are indebted to the Company in the full guaranteed interest of Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds on the past quarter, which, with the balance of previous payments, make a total of £9568 9s. 2d., as shown in the account herewith submitted, and of which I have to request payment, according to the terms of the Contract.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

Hon. W. H. BURGESS, *M.H.A., Treasurer.*

TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA *Dr.*

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

1886.	<i>Guaranteed Interest Department.</i>	£ s. d.
	Balance due on Accounts rendered; viz.—	
March 31.	March quarter, 1886.....	25 0 0
June 30.	June quarter, 1886 .....	1418 9 2
July 1.	One-fourth proportion of the yearly interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the sum of £650,000 expended on the construction of the Railway, and payable according to the Act of Parliament 46 Victoria, No. 43, Section 5,—one-fourth of £32,500.....	8125 0 0
to		
Sept. 30.		
		<u>£9568 9 2</u>

Amounting to Nine thousand five hundred and sixty-eight pounds nine shillings and twopence.

*For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*  
October 14th, 1886.

C. H. GRANT.

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

*Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th October, 1886.*

*AN ABSTRACT showing the Receipts and Expenditure on Account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three Months ending 30th September, 1886.*

To Expenditure—	DR.	£ s. d.	By Receipts—	CR.	£ s. d.
Permanent Way .....		3327 9 2	Passengers, 77,272½ .....		7338 1 10
Locomotive Power .....		3099 4 1	Parcels, 9137.....		473 15 4
Carriages and Wagons.....		780 8 4	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs.....		109 7 4
Traffic Expenses .....		2184 14 5	Excess Luggage .....		75 11 0
General Charges, London .....		800 0 0	Left ditto .....		7 1 10
Ditto, Tasmania.....		953 15 10	Telegrams, 1493 .....		60 8 11
Miscellaneous Expenses .....		282 0 3	Mails .....		750 0 0
Launceston and Evandale Toll .....		1084 7 6	Goods, 7356 tons .....		3823 3 11
		12,511 19 7	Minerals, 1189 tons .....		306 1 3
Balance from last Quarter .....		3473 13 3	Live Stock.....		859 3 6
			Rents and Sundries .....		193 12 9
					13,996 7 8
			Balance carried forward to next		
			Quarter .....		1989 5 2
		<u>£15,985 12 10</u>			<u>£15,985 12 10</u>

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*

C. H. GRANT, *General Manager.*

PAYMENT approved.

W. H. BURGESS, *Treasurer.*  
25. 10. 86.

*Treasury, Hobart, 26th October, 1886.*

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Eight thousand one hundred pounds, on account of guaranteed interest for the quarter ended 30th September, 1886; but such payment is made and received without prejudice to any further or other claims by or against the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company under or arising out of the Contract between the Government and the Company.

*The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, by their Attorney,*

C. H. GRANT.

*Witness to the payment—*W. BENSON.  
26. 10. 16.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS FOR 1885.

*Audit Office, Hobart, 31st May, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a copy of my Report to the Government on the Accounts of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company for the year 1885.

I have, &c.

ALEXANDER REID, *Deputy Auditor.*

*The Honorable the Treasurer.*

*Audit Office, 28th May, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Accounts of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the year 1885 have been examined, and to submit my Report thereon for the information of the Government.

The total Receipts credited to Revenue Account were £73,706 16s. 1d., showing an increase over those for the year 1884 of £4420 14s. 11d., the average per train mile being 4s. 4.4d., as compared with 4s. 2.8d. for 1884.

The Expenditure charged to Revenue Account in the books of the Company amounts to £73,528 15s. 7d., as against £68,879 13s. 2d. for 1884, being an increase of £4649 2s. 5d., accounted for thus:—

<i>Increases.</i>	£	<i>Decreases.</i>	£
Permanent Way .....	8662	Locomotive Charges .....	5923
Carriages and Wagons .....	2088	General (London) .....	742
Traffic .....	664	Miscellaneous .....	449
General (Tasmania) .....	249		
L. & W. Railway Toll .....	100		
	<u>£11,763</u>		<u>£7114</u>
Deduct Decrease .....	7114		
Net Increase .....	<u>£4649</u>		

The large increase in the charges for permanent way is caused by extra issues, principally of sleepers.

The expenditure of 1884 was reduced, however, by a sum of £8190 12s. 9d. for new works, which were considered properly chargeable to capital account. Following a similar course, a reduction should be made for 1885 on account of the following items:—

	£	s.	d.
4 new Second-class Carriages .....	974	14	2
New Wheel-lathe .....	440	0	0

This was referred to in the Auditor's Report for the year 1884, and then stated by the General Manager to be intended to replace an old one nearly worn out. As, however, both lathes are working, this must now be considered as an addition to machinery.

£1414 14 2

The profits on the Revenue Account for the year 1884 available for reduction of the guaranteed interest will therefore be £1592 14s. 8d.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts .....			..	73,706	16	1
Expenditure .....	73,528	15	7			
Less chargeable to capital .....	1414	14	2			
	<hr/>			72,114	1	5
				<hr/>		
				£1592	14	8
				<hr/> <hr/>		

The Engineer-in-Chief, in his Report addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works, notes certain works as to the cost of which I deemed it advisable to request information from Mr. Grant (see copy of my letter attached marked A). A copy of Mr. Grant's reply, dated 26th May, is appended, marked B. The matters involved being questions for railway experts, I do not express an opinion thereon, further than to remark that, with regard to the siding at the Parattah Station, Mr. Grant's contention does not seem satisfactory. The old material referred to has, I presume, been replaced by new, which has been charged to the Revenue Account, and having again been brought into use for a *new work*, its value, together with the labour employed, would appear to be properly chargeable to a capital account.

I append a list (marked C.) showing sundry receipts during the year for the sale of stores and materials, &c., loan of engines, labour, &c. which have been credited as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
In reduction of expenditure .....	5124	19	0
To credit of stores account.....	156	10	3
Ditto London office (sale of land, &c.).....	156	0	0
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	£5437	9	3
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The estimated expenditure for London expenses, included in the accounts for the year 1884, has been exceeded by £413 18s. 5d., which has been debited to the year 1885 as an adjustment, in accordance with Clause 9 of the Contract. The total London expenses were, therefore, £3613 18s. 5d., made up as under:—

	£	s.	d.
Directors' and Auditors' salaries.....	2031	10	0
Interest and discount.....	102	7	5
Office rent, salaries, &c. ....	948	10	8
Engineering expenses .....	202	15	4
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	3285	3	5
Trustees' remuneration for one year .....	78	15	0
Stamps on mortgage deed for £100,000 raised .....	250	0	0
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	£3613	18	5
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The remuneration to the Trustees was last year objected to by the Government, and the sum of £250 for stamps on mortgage deed of £100,000 raised is also one which appears to be open to question.

With the exception noted, the Accounts have been found to be correct.

I have, &c.

ALEXANDER REID, *Deputy Auditor.*

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

#### APPENDIX A.

*Audit Office, Hobart, 13th May, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and to thank you for the information therein contained.

I desire, however, to call your attention to the following extracts from the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief of the 22nd February last, and to ask that you will kindly favour me by stating the cost of the works referred to:—

*Extracts.*

"The shingled roofs of the buildings in the Hobart yards are being covered with iron, and some batten fencing and gates added to passenger platform.

"A small ticket office (8 feet by 6 feet) has been added to New Town Station.

"A small pumping-engine has been fixed at Brighton Station in place of the windmill there.

"About  $7\frac{1}{2}$  chains of siding have been added to the accommodation at Parattah yard, principally from old material, and a semaphore signal fixed.

"The goods break-vans have been lengthened."

I have, &c.

ALEXANDER REID, *Deputy Auditor.*

C. H. GRANT, *C.E., General Manager  
Tasmanian Main Line Railway Co., Hobart.*

## APPENDIX B.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, General Manager's Office,  
Hobart, 26th May, 1886.*

SIR,

YOUR letter of the 13th instant duly reached me, and was at once referred to the Chief Accountant for the particulars you ask.

Since you now request a prompt reply, I have asked him the reason of the delay, and he informs me that he will not be able to furnish the figures you express a wish to have for some considerable time, and, in fact, will not be able to satisfactorily answer them at all, because all the items being purely maintenance, have not been separately accounted for.

In regard to the first item, as to the cost of the galvanised iron roofing to the buildings in the Hobart Station yard, and the batten fence added to the passenger platform, this was simply an economical substitution of the shingle roofs and portable fence hitherto used; but the shingles had become rotten, and the inconvenience of moving the portable fence caused it to be replaced by a fixed one. It cannot, therefore, be considered that these are extra works.

As to the second item, the small portable ticket-box had an almost nominal cost only.

In the third item, the pumping-engine replaced a very large and powerful windmill, which was erected some years since, but was utterly destroyed by a fierce gale. The price paid for the engine was £130, and a great economy has already been effected by its use, the maintenance of the windmill having been extraordinarily costly.

In regard to the siding added to the Parattah Station-yard, this was mostly made from old material, and by the permanent way men, therefore no account was taken of their time, which was, so to speak, a performance of their regular duty.

The semaphore is not yet complete, but its use is necessitated by the junction of the Government Railway at that place.

In the last item, viz., the lengthening of the goods break-vans, these having been thoroughly worn out and unsafe for use, I took the opportunity of using what portions thereof were available in the construction of the new vans, which were made of a description adapted for the present traffic.

In all the above cases the works were performed by the permanent staff, who were only engaged thereon at odd times derived from ordinary maintenance. You will therefore perceive the extreme difficulty there will be in obtaining even an approximate estimate of the cost of this work, and the length of time it must take to collate it.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

ALEXANDER REID, *Esq., Deputy Auditor.*

## APPENDIX C.

*RECEIPTS during the year 1885 for the Sale of Stores and Materials, &c., Loan of Engines, Labour, &c.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sold to Government of Tasmania—Defences—									
Iron Rails, &c.....	54	8	5						
Telegraph Poles, Firewood, &c.....	13	15	0						
							68	3	5
Sold to General Post Office—									
8 Letter Boxes.....	16	0	0						
Embossing Press.....	16	15	6						
							32	15	6
Sold to Electric Telegraph Department—Refund Cost of Enquiry	...						6	18	8
Sold to Public Works Department—Ashes	...						0	6	0
Sold to Fingal Road Junction—Points, Crossings, Rails, &c.....	...						96	2	0
Sold to Derwent Valley Junction—Ditto.....	...						69	0	4
Sold to Oatlands and Parattah—Points, Alteration Rails.....	...						8	16	6
Sold to Railways—1 Tricycle £12 10s., 1 Ditto £10.....	...						22	10	0
									304 12 5
Corporation of Hobart—									
Old Rails, Fish Plates, &c.....	...						31	0	2
353 Loads Ashes.....	...						17	13	0
									48 13 2
Corporation of Launceston—Old Rails.....	...								10 0 0
J. Falkingham, New Norfolk—									
Locomotive Engine, No. 11.....	...						1030	0	0
16 Wagons (L.), Nos. 1 to 16.....	...						640	0	0
Altering 16 Wagon Ends.....	...						31	6	6
Repairing Engine, Buffers, &c.....	...						9	6	6
Newcastle and Brisbane Coal (34 tons 8 cwts. 3 qrs.).....	...						48	14	3
Slack Coal, Oil, Waste, &c.....	...						21	10	9
Old Rails, Fish Plates, Bolts and Spikes.....	...						76	10	11
									1857 8 11
M'Neil, Grant & Co., Fingal—									
4 Wagons (L.), Nos. 17 to 20.....	...						210	0	0
8 Ballast Wagons.....	...						250	0	0
Points, Crossings, Trolley and Tank Repairs.....	...						34	2	6
Slack Coal.....	...						34	9	0
Lamps, Fire Bars, Repairs, &c.....	...						27	9	11
									556 1 5
Fergus & Blair, Mersey—									
18 Weeks' Loan of Engine No. 12.....	...						450	0	0
17 Ditto, No. 10.....	...						340	0	0
							790	0	0
Less Old Account cancelled.....	...						2	5	9
									787 14 3
Emu Bay and Mount Bischoff Railway—									
2 Sets Points and Crossings.....	...						58	0	0
Old Ditto.....	...						20	0	0
Tricycle, Bearings, Bunting, and Tickets.....	...						16	8	11
									94 8 11
Elwick Railway Company—									
Building Booking Office.....	...						40	17	4
Erecting Fences, &c., and Painting.....	...						34	14	7
									75 11 11
Mount Bischoff T.M. Company—									
24 Pairs Buffers.....	...						72	0	0
38 Steel Rails (5 tons 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.).....	...						50	11	8
									122 11 8
Langland's Foundry, Melbourne—30 tons 3 cwts. Iron Rails.....	...								105 11 9
A. Shaw & Co., Melbourne—60 tons 5 cwts. Iron Rails.....	...								210 17 6
A. Crisp—Repairs to Engine and Shafting Machinery.....	...								55 16 1
A. Evans, Launceston—4 tons Old Rails.....	...								16 0 0
J. Conacher, Perth—Instalments on Land sold for £600.....	...								150 0 0
C. H. Grant—									
Labour.....	...						35	0	11
Sundry Materials and Stores.....	...						151	16	2
									186 17 1
Customs Indemnity under 48 Vict. No. 52.....	...								427 1 1
Sale of Coal to Officers of T.M.L. Railway, Old Rails, Iron, &c., Discounts and Sundries.....	...								428 3 1
TOTAL.....									<u>£5437 9 3</u>

## RE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 8th May, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to address you with reference to a case of engine head-lamps imported by this Company, on which the Collector of Customs has made a claim for duty, and have to explain that these lamps are always considered as part of the engine equipment, and are so supplied by the engine manufacturers. Those now in question have been obtained to replace what were originally sent with the Main Line Railway engines, but have now become unserviceable from long use.

May I therefore ask that you will kindly direct that they may be exempted from duty under the specification of machinery worked by steam?

I have, &amp;c.

C. H. GRANT.

*The Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

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REFERRED to the Collector of Customs for his observations.

J. E. PACKER, *pro Treasurer.*  
10. 5. 86.

THESE articles are not enumerated under the head of "Engine-fittings" in the Table Exemptions, 47 Vict. No. 12.

EDW. BOYES, *Collector.*  
11. 5. 86.

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*Treasury, Hobart, 11th May, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in reference to demand for duty on a case of engine head-lamps imported by your Company.

I have looked at the provisions of "The Customs Duties Act, 1884," and do not find anything therein which would warrant me in passing the goods free of duty. I am unable therefore to interfere with the demand made by the Collector of Customs.

I have, &amp;c.

W. H. BURGESS, *Treasurer.*

*The Manager Tasmanian Main Line Railway  
Company, Limited, Hobart.*

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*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 16th June, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th ult., and note that the Honorables the Attorney-General and the Treasurer concur in thinking that the cast steel axle-boxes, with their fittings and mountings recently imported by the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, and without which working parts steam engines cannot be run, must not be regarded as "machinery to be worked by steam."

In bowing to their decision, I cannot help remarking that it would be extremely difficult to find any description of such articles to be placed in the Tariff that would more correctly describe them than the words actually used and in question.

Had the word "machines" been used, there might have been grounds for contending that complete machines only were meant, and not the parts thereof; but the word "machinery" should certainly include any working parts of machines, and I am supported in that view by the best dictionaries to which I have access. In Chambers's Dictionary the word "machinery," you will find, covers "machines" in general: the "parts of machines."

I have, &amp;c.

C. H. GRANT.

J. E. PACKER, *Esq., Acting Under Treasurer, Hobart.*

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*Treasury, Hobart, 18th June, 1886.*

SIR,

I AM honored by the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in reference to the importation of certain articles to the order of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, on which payment of duty has been demanded. I thank you for the information you have been good enough to place before me. I have, however, already fully considered the matter with the Hon. the Attorney-General, and do not see how I can override the opinion he has expressed, by which I must be guided.

I have, &c.

W. H. BURGESS, *Treasurer.*

*The Manager Tasmanian Main Line Railway  
Company, Limited, Hobart.*

RE ESTIMATED REFUND IN ADJUSTMENT OF ADVANCES TOWARDS  
GUARANTEE.

*Treasury, Hobart, 15th July, 1886.*

SIR,

REFERRING to the adjustment of the receipts and expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company for the year 1885, and to my estimate of the probable amount to accrue to the Consolidated Revenue Fund for that year in the shape of excess of receipts over working expenses, I have now the honor to ask whether it is in your power to afford me any information as to the reason why the amount to be repaid to the Treasury in terms of the Contract has fallen so far short of the sum set down as likely to be received from this source—viz., £10,000. The estimate being based upon the experience of previous years.

I have, &c.

J. E. PACKER, *pro Treasurer.*

*The General Manager Tasmanian Main Line  
Railway Company, Limited, Hobart.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,  
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 20th July, 1886.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Assistant Treasurer dated the 15th instant, which arrived during my absence down the line, and therefore could not be previously answered.

In reply to the question why your estimate that the full subsidy payable to the Main Line Railway Company would be reduced by the sum of £10,000 during the year 1885 could not be fulfilled, I must refer you to my letter of the 14th January last, in which I gave at some length the reasons why the expenses of working the line had so considerably increased as to almost overtake the revenue; although this was also augmented.

It is not possible for me to add anything to the full information therein given; the addition of the four quarterly totals of the outlay will show that the expenditure on the permanent way department (which also includes the costly items of fencing, repair of bridges, etc.,) will alone account for most of the increase; and the necessity for such works has annually been strongly urged by the Engineer-in-Chief in his reports to the Government.

I regret to have to state that these expenses being necessarily continued over the early portion of the present year, conjointly with a very serious decline in the revenue, have made the accounts present an unfavourable aspect, and give little promise of a reduction of the subsidy during the current year.

As regards the future, I feel it necessary to remark that it is not at all probable that the full subsidy payable can be reduced if the Public Works Department obtain the great concessions in regard to the transport of traffic, or running powers, which it demands at the cost of the Company; and if it continues to prefer the use of competing carrying lines, for the transport of freight between Hobart and Launceston, to the prejudice of the Main Line Railway.

I have, &c.

*Hon. W. H. BURGESS, M.H.A., Treasurer.*

C. H. GRANT.