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To His Excellency SIR J. H. LEFROY, *K.C.M.G., C.B.*,  
Administrator of the Government of Tasmania.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the Commissioners appointed on 3rd April, 1880, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Colony, "to make and carry out the necessary arrangements to secure the adequate representation of the products and manufactures of the Colony of Tasmania in the International Exhibition to be held in Melbourne in 1880, and to enable the Colony to take due part in the said Exhibition," have now completed the various duties entrusted by the Royal Commission to us, and beg to submit our final Report.

2. We had the honor to address to your Excellency progress reports of our proceedings on 8th December, 1880, and 12th July, 1881, in the latter of which we detailed the course which we had followed, and recorded the highly satisfactory results which had flowed therefrom.

3. Some of the gold, silver, and bronze medals which were awarded by the Executive Commissioners in Melbourne have been received for distribution, and we anticipate that the remainder, and also the diplomas and certificates of merit, will be received at an early date.

4. No special foresight is necessary to form an opinion that the result of such an Exhibition as that recently held in Melbourne, which your Excellency had an opportunity of witnessing, and which attracted a million of visitors from all parts of the world, must be to bring prominently forward those vast mineral resources of Tasmania which are now attracting notice in the mother country, and also the valuable pastoral and agricultural products of the colony, and thus open out important considerations in connection with its future prosperity.

5. We deem it not out of place here to refer, in connection with our exhibits of Wool, which at the date of our last report (July 12) had not been decided, but which have since received no less than seven silver medals for merit, to quote the following paragraph from the *Federal Australian* newspaper on the sale, on the 9th instant, of Tasmanian stud sheep in Melbourne: these were 219 in number:—"Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. commenced the sale by offering a large draft from the well-known flock of Mr. James Gibson, of Bellevue, Tasmania. These sheep had evidently been selected with great care, and all being very superior, the lots excited keen competition. The highest price was 300 guineas for a magnificent ram, while two others brought 265 guineas and 220 guineas respectively. A large draft from the flock of Messrs. W. Gibson and Son, Seone, Perth, realised very fair prices, the highest being 330 guineas, which was paid for a grand ram. A small draft of very nice sheep, bred by Mr. J. D. Toosey, of Cressy, fetched prices up to 50 guineas. For a very small lot of very good sheep from the flock of Mr. J. B. Gibson, Pleasant Banks, prices ranged up to 50 guineas;" and *The Mercury*, of September 26, records the sale of a ram by Mr. W. H. Gibson to a squatter in New South Wales for 300 guineas; whilst at the same time 6 ewes, at 50 guineas each, from Mr. D. Taylor, and 39 rams, from Mr. Jas. Gibson, were also sent by steamer to Sydney. From the statistical returns for 1880 we gather the fact that 385 stud sheep were exported from Tasmania in 1880, which were valued at the Custom House here at £14,984, whilst up to this date of 1881 the export has been 174 stud sheep valued (for Customs purposes) at £10,985. These facts are valuable, as pointing to a Tasmanian product, which the climate and soil probably render a permanent source of great profit to the colonists.

6. A demand has also sprung up for the hardwoods of Tasmania for agricultural implement purposes, owing to the excellent exhibit which was sent to Melbourne of cart shafts, felloes, railway sleepers, and telegraph poles; and samples of our finer woods have been applied for and sent to Belgium, in the hope that they will be brought into use in that prosperous country.

7. We beg to ask your Excellency's attention to the annexed table of the extent and cost of the International and Intercolonial Exhibitions in which Tasmania has taken part during the last 30

years.—(Appendix A.) Whilst it does not show that a larger number of colonists are led by their own interests to support such exhibitions, it clearly shows a continuous improvement in the satisfactory results of the part which this small island colony takes, and has constantly taken, to assert itself amongst the larger, wealthier, and more important countries of the British Empire.

In conclusion, we trust that your Excellency will approve of the manner in which we have been able to carry out the duties assigned to us.

Given under our hands and seals at Hobart, this 27th day of October, 1881.

W. H. BURGESS, *Chairman and Vice-President.*  
 ADYE DOUGLAS, *Vice-President.*  
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HUGH M. HULL, *Secretary*  
 27 October, 1881.

NOTE.—Dr. Agnew and Mr. Macfarlane are absent in England, Messrs. Lette and Crisp absent in Victoria.

#### APPENDIX A.

TABLE showing the Extent and Cost of the Exhibitions in which Tasmania has taken part for Thirty Years.

Year.	Exhibition.	No. of Exhibitors.	No. of Exhibits.	Prize Medals.	Prize Certificates.	Cost to the Colony.
1851	London .....	88	349	12 silver	20	£ 2000.
1855	Paris .....	89	609	14 ditto	9	2000
1862	London .....	148	668	26 ditto	26	4100
1866	Melbourne.....	178	738	72 silver and bronze	89	800
1875	Melbourne.....	149	332	26 ditto	32	575
1876	Philadelphia.....	86	194	29 silver	29	762
1879	Sydney .....	320	365	3 gold, 6 silver, 87 bronze	175	1525
1880	Melbourne .....	258	645	3 gold, 26 silver, 10 bronze	112	1709

*EXHIBITS presented by the Executive Commissioners to various Public Institutions.*

Owner..		
Commissioners .....	Journals of Council and Assembly .....	Public Library, Melbourne.
Ditto .....	Photographs of Public Buildings .....	Belgian Court. [bourne.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	Executive Commissioners, Mel-
Ditto .....	Ditto, Launceston.....	Belgian Court.
Mr. Douglas .....	Blackwood timber .....	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. Grubb .....	Bark in three stages of preparation .....	Belgium.
Mr. Laing .....	Veneers of myrtle .....	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Miss Mitchell.....	Gum of Oyster Bay pine .....	Ditto.
Mr. Smith .....	Pine wood .....	Ditto.
Mr. Tatlow.....	Blackwood timbers.....	Ditto.
Mr. M'Gregor .....	Oil from sperm whale .....	Ditto.
Mr. Walden .....	Oil from yola .....	Ditto.
Mr. Abbott.....	Malt .....	Belgium.
Mr. Cox .....	Oats (Tartarian) .....	Victoria Agricultural Society.
Messrs. Dalgety & Co. ....	Wheat and oats .....	Ditto, and Belgium.
Mr. Fletcher .....	Wheat and seeds.....	Ditto.
Mr. Gibson.....	Wheat and flour .....	Ditto.
Mr. Hingston .....	Wheat and peas .....	Belgium.
Mr. Horne .....	Oats (sparrow-bill).....	Victoria Agricultural Society.
Mr. Pitt .....	Wheat and barley .....	Ditto.
Commissioners .....	Salmon and trout .....	Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. Bishton .....	Freestone from Westbury .....	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Mr. R. W. Butler.....	Ditto Taylor's Bay.....	Ditto.
Mr. F. Butler .....	Ditto Pontville.....	Ditto.
Mr. Gillon .....	Ditto Kangaroo Point and Cambridge .....	Ditto.
Mr. Gregory .....	Ditto Hestercombe.....	Ditto.
Mr. Kermodé .....	Ditto Mona Vale .....	Ditto.
Mr. Pearson .....	Ditto Spring Bay .....	Ditto.
Mr. Richards.....	Ditto Ross .....	Ditto.
Mr. Robinson .....	Ditto Okehampton .....	Ditto.
Mr. Wiggins .....	Ditto Stringy Bark Hill.....	Ditto.
Mr. Reynolds .....	Ditto .....	Ditto.
Mr. Thorne .....	Tin Ore from Mount Heemskirk.....	Ditto.
Mr. Hawson .....	Ditto from Cumberland Mine.....	Ditto.
Mr. Nolan .....	Dysodile.....	Ditto, and Sandhurst.
Mr. Rayner .....	Limestone from Bridgewater .....	Ditto.
Mr. Coote .....	Coal from Fingal .....	Ditto.
Mr. Stieglitz .....	Ditto Killymoon .....	Ditto.
Mr. Brooke .....	Ditto New Town .....	Ditto.
Mr. Hainsworth .....	Fossils, Latrobe .....	Ditto.
Commissioners .....	Block of Smelted Tin from Mount Bischoff .....	Belgium.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	Technological Museum, Melbourne.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	Sandhurst Mining School.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	S. Australia.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	Fiji.
Ditto .....	Ditto .....	New South Wales.
Mr. Glover.....	Hone-stone from Huon .....	Technological Museum.
Commissioners .....	Iron Ore from Ilfracombe.....	Sandhurst.
Mr. Riley .....	Coal from Tarleton.....	Technological Museum.
Mr. Scott .....	Willow logs .....	Melbourne.
Messrs. Lyell & M'Gowan.	Slate .....	Ditto.
Commissioners .....	Mineral Cabinet .....	Mechanics' Institute, Launceston.
Ditto .....	Wax Models of Apples and Pears .....	Royal Society of Tasmania.
Ditto .....	Fossils from Bridgewater .....	Ditto.
Ditto .....	Photographs .....	Public Library, Tasmania.

*PRESENTED to Tasmania, through the Secretary to the Royal Commission.*

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<i>Belgium.</i> From G. Beckx, Esq., Consul-General— 107 Volumes of Books. Exhibits of Industries— Sulphur. Soda and Blue. Violet Powder. Ultramarine. Paper.	<i>New South Wales.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Antimony. Mundic. Asbestos.
<i>South Australia.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Block of Smelted Copper. Copper Ores, of varieties. Malachite. Lead. Mundic.	<i>Victoria.</i> Sandhurst School of Mines— Gold in Quartz. Cores of the Diamond Drills. Antimony. Mundic.
<i>New South Wales.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Block of Smelted Tin. Tin Ores. Iron Ores. Lead Ore.	<i>Fiji.</i> From the Secretary to the Court— Tappa Cloth. Coffee. Maize. Arrowroot. Cocoa Nuts. Sponges. Fibres. Cotton. Cotton Seeds, (Sea Island). Seeds of Native edible Plants.

## ABSTRACT OF EXPENDITURE.

Dr.	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Minerals for and preparation of Mineral Cabinet.....	74	0	4
Purchase and fitting-up of Whale-boat (less proceeds of Sale £40)..	22	14	10
Purchase of Photographs of Tasmanian Scenery .....	52	0	6
Stone Trophy, presented to Victoria .....	181	19	2
Timber Trophy (less proceeds Sale £8).....	7	7	0
Maps—Mineralogical and Topographical .....	15	0	0
Melbourne Expenses (less proceeds Sale Fittings £22 3s.).....	451	17	0
Launceston Expenses .....	268	16	8
Freight to and from Melbourne of Exhibits.....	166	14	6
Packing and Wool-boxes .....	59	17	9
Grants in aid of Exhibits .....	13	1	4
Advertising and Printing.....	39	3	6
Fire Insurance .....	10	5	0
Storeman.....	21	0	0
Secretaries and Canvassers (including Gratuities voted by Parliament)	261	9	0
Petty Expenses, Cartage, &c. ....	64	6	1
	<u>£1709</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>