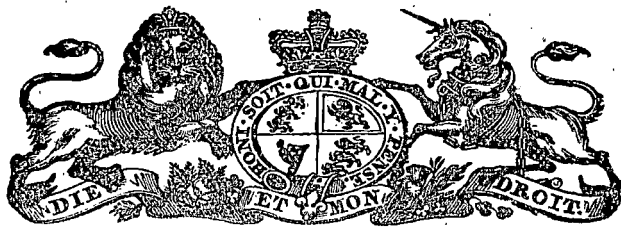


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T A S M A N I A.

**COLONIAL ATTORNEYS RELIEF ACT:
EXTENSION TO TASMANIA.**

DESPATCH, No. 16, OF 8 FEBRUARY, 1869.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 31, 1869.



TASMANIA.
No. 16.

Downing-street, 8th February, 1869.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 68, of the 2nd of December, forwarding a letter from your Attorney-General requesting that the operation of "The Colonial Attornies Relief Act" may be extended to Tasmania by an Order of Her Majesty in Council.

I should have been happy to have advised Her Majesty to comply with this application if all the requirements of the 3rd Section of the 20th and 21st Vict. C. 39 had been carried out in Tasmania; but it appears that in the case of Graduates of a British University, and of those who have taken a Colonial Degree of Associate of Arts, the Colonial Law only requires service of Articles to an Attorney at Law for Four years, whereas the Imperial Act makes the period of Five years necessary in all cases except in the case of persons who have been admitted as Attornies and Solicitors in the Supreme Court in England.

Under these circumstances Her Majesty cannot be advised to issue an Order in Council under the Imperial Act.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

GRANVILLE.

The Officer Administering the Government of Tasmania.