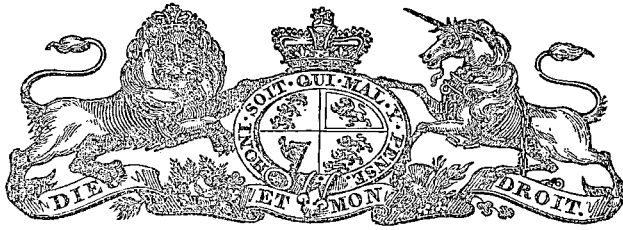


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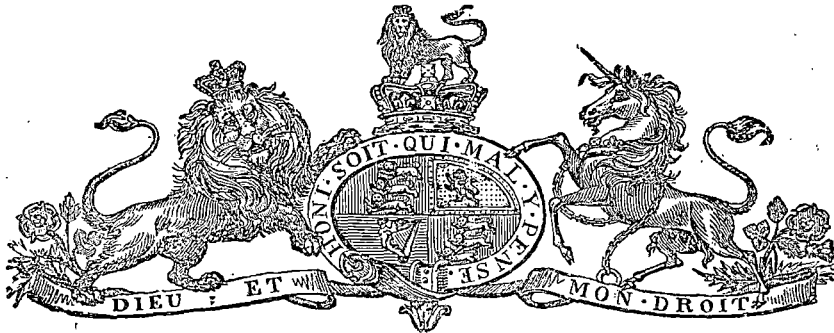
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T A S M A N I A.

MR. LIVINGSTON.

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIS CLAIM TO A
PENSION.

Brought up by Mr. Horne; and ordered by the House to be printed
17 August, 1864.



REPORT of the SELECT COMMITTEE upon the Claim of Mr. J. L. LIVINGSTON.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Claim of Mr. John Livingston to a Retiring Pension as Writer to the Church of Scotland. (*Mr. Horne.*)

Elected by Ballot—

MR. HORNE.
MR. JAMES LORD.
MR. JOHN LORD.
MR. HAYES.

MR. ALLISON.
MR. LEWIS.
MR. ROSE.

DAYS OF MEETING.

No. 1. 9 August, 1864. *Present*—Mr. Horne, Mr. Rose, Mr. John Lord.

No. 2. 17 August, 1864. *Present*—Mr. Horne, Mr. Rose, Mr. James Lord.

WITNESS EXAMINED.

Mr. J. L. Livingston.

R E P O R T.

YOUR Committee have had under careful consideration the case of Mr. Livingston, referred to them by your Honorable House.

They find that Mr. Livingston was appointed to his office as Writer to the Church of Scotland in January, 1845; and that he has been recognised in that office by the Government up to and until the abolition of his office by the State Aid Distribution Act.

They also find that, in common with the other Civil Servants of the Crown, his salary, which was then only £30, was, on the 19th May, 1854, increased by the addition of £20,—making his total salary £50.

That by the Tabular Return laid on the Table of your Honorable House, in September, 1854, showing the names of all persons in the service of the Government of this Colony, the offices held by them, the fixed salary payable to each officer (in accordance with the Estimates of that year), the amount of the first and second temporary additions to each salary and total amount of salary, (which Return will be found in Paper No. 55, Vol. 4, of the Votes and Proceedings of 1854), Mr. Livingston's name appears as a person in the service of the Government of this Colony, together with the amount of his fixed salary and the temporary addition thereto; and that the office held by him, with the amount of salary due to him, has appeared regularly in the Estimates from that time (as well as before) till the abolition thereof by the passing of the Act alluded to. And also that Mr. Livingston, in person, received regularly from the Treasury his salary, and gave the usual acquittances for the same.

Your Committee cannot resist the conclusion that Mr. Livingston was, from the date of his appointment to the abolition of his office, in the Civil Service of the Government of this Colony, and entitled upon the abolition of his office to the same benefit as all other Civil Servants of the Crown, under the 24th Victoria, No. 15, Section 5.

THOMAS HORNE, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 17th August, 1864.

EVIDENCE.

MR. JOHN L. LIVINGSTON *examined.*

By Mr. Horne.—I was appointed Writer to the Church of Scotland in January, 1845. I was nominated by Dr. Lillie. My duty was to keep up the public correspondence between the Church and the Colonial Government, and to furnish the accounts and returns required by the Secretary of State. I was employed in that capacity for 18 years, up to the end of 1862. I received an increase of salary in 1854 from the Government, my salary then being £30, as appears on the Estimates for that year. The increase was £20. (Mr. Livingston here produced the document marked A.) In the year 1854 I was in receipt of a salary of £30. I made application through Dr. Lillie, the Head of the Department, for an increase, which was granted by the Government, from £30 to £50; and upon that sum I further received the increase in aid voted by the Parliament of the day to all Civil Servants of the Government, making my salary £62 10s. (There was now produced a Tabular Return of the names of all persons in the service of the Government—Paper 55, Votes and Proceedings, Vol. 4 of 1854—in which Mr. Livingston is entered as Writer to the Church of Scotland, with a salary of £50, and the increase in aid of £12 10s.; and in the Votes and Proceedings of 1856, Vol. 6, Mr. Livingston as Writer is put down at £50 a year, with an increase in aid of £6 5s.)

I was not the first who held this appointment. My predecessor was Mr. Baily, who was a Government Officer. I always had the privilege of franking letters to the Head of my Department. My Office was abolished on the 31st December, 1862, and at that time my fixed salary was £50, having commenced my duties on 1st January, 1845, making 18 years service.

By Mr. Rose.—Dr. Lillie led me to believe that it was a Government appointment. I always made out the General Abstract upon which I received in person the sum appearing due upon the Abstract, and gave my receipt for it. Dr. Lillie never paid me any portion of my salary,—I was always paid from the Treasury. I ceased to receive salary upon the abolition of my office, consequent upon the passing of "The State Aid Bill."

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Hobart Town, 16th May, 1854.

SIR,

REFERRING to the Office of Writer to the Presbytery, which I have held for many years, and for which I have up to the present time only received the annual salary of £30, I beg that you will be pleased to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that I should be placed on the same footing as regards the increase of pay as other persons employed in a similar capacity under the Colonial Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. L. LIVINGSTON.

The Rev. J. LILLIE, D.D.

Mr. Livingston has been employed as he has stated, and I beg to recommend his application from the beginning of the current year.

The Colonial Secretary.

J. LILLIE.

17 May, 1854.

The Lieutenant-Governor approves of the increase of 25 per cent. being allowed to Mr. Livingston.

W. CHAMP,

19 May, 1854.

There must, I suspect, be a mistake in limiting Mr. Livingston's increase to 25 per cent.