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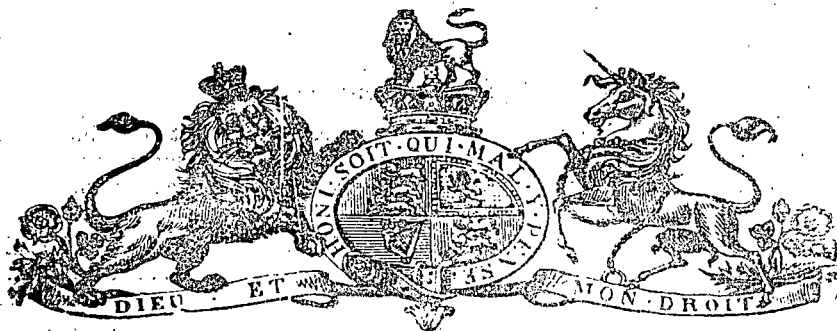
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

**NEW PUBLIC BUILDINGS, FRANKLIN
SQUARE :**

MEMORANDUM.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, July 11, 1884, and ordered by
the House to be printed, July 16, 1884.



MEMO. re Contract for New Public Offices, Hobart.

Public Works Office, Hobart, 25th January, 1884.

ADDITIONS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HOBART.

TENDERS will be received at this Office till noon on Wednesday, the 26th March, for the above-mentioned additions.

Plans and specifications can be seen at Public Works Office, Launceston; and at this Office.

Intending contractors can obtain full copies of general and detail drawings and specifications upon payment of Five Pounds to the Director of Public Works.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN, *Director of Public Works.*

SCHEDULE of Tenders received at noon on the 26th day of March, 1884, for Additions to Public Buildings, Hobart.

Members of the Board present:—Messrs. F. Butler and J. Fincham.

	£	s.	d.	
Geo. S. Seabrook and T. A. Reynolds.....	25,742	0	0.	Time, 156 weeks.
W. H. Cheverton	26,200	0	0.	Time, 2 years.
Duncan and Crow	34,167	10	0.	Time, 156 weeks.

The tender of Messrs. Seabrook and Reynolds, at £25,742, is recommended for acceptance.

FRANCIS BUTLER.

J. FINCHAM.

EDW. BOYES.

I would advise that acceptance of tender be subject to a reduction on account of substitution of some other material for the “bluestone” staircases; and, in order that other tenderers be not prejudiced, that the amount of deduction be settled by arbitration.

J. FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*
1. 5. 1884.

Approved.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN, *Minister of Lands and Works.*
1. 5. 1884.

THE following possible reductions were also suggested by the Engineer-in-Chief:—

	£
Omission of the six strong-rooms (not in preliminary plans first submitted) and the covered corridors connecting the old and new buildings	1500
Omission of decorative work of all kinds and under all trades, say.....	3000
Substitution of rubble masonry squared and dressed on face for solid ashlar in walls, say	2500
Substitution of Tasmanian freestone for Melbourne bluestone in landings, passages, staircase, &c., as the price asked for this, dressed in Melbourne, is very high indeed	1000
	<u>£8000</u>

But, with the exception of the last item, the Engineer-in-Chief did not advise these reductions being made in such an important and representative building.

THE following suggestions were also made by the Engineer-in-Chief:—

Without omitting the decorative work under all trades, and without lowering the standard of the high class of masonry provided for (which is not advisable in Public Buildings of the importance of those in question), the following deductions might be made, if desired by Parliament; namely,—

	£	s.	d.
1st. Omission of the six strong-rooms* and the covered corridors connecting the new and old buildings (previously referred to).....	1500	0	0
2nd. Substitution of Keen's cement and slate for marble mantel-pieces in Executive Council chamber	200	0	0
Estimated value of deduction on account of staircases (also previously referred to)	1000	0	0
	<u>£2700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

* Not in original plan or estimate.

A Contract has been entered into for this work, in which it is provided that the Minister or the Engineer-in-Chief for the time being shall be at liberty at any time, by notice in writing, to cause any alterations or reductions to be made by the Contractors in any part or parts of the works specified in the said plans and specification, and that the sum or sums to be deducted by the Minister from the said sum of £25,742 in respect of any such alteration or reduction or reductions shall be referred to the award, order, arbitrament, determination of three Arbitrators, of whom one shall be appointed by the Minister, another by the Contractors, and a third to be nominated and appointed by the other two Arbitrators by a Memorandum under their hands, before they proceed on the said arbitration, and the award, in writing, made by all or any two of such Arbitrators shall be binding on all parties, the Minister and the said Contractors, and their and each of their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and shall be absolutely conclusive.

NICHOLAS J. BROWN, *Minister of Lands and Works.*

NEW Public Buildings near Franklin Square, when completed, will contain the following rooms:—

<i>Basement.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Rooms for office-keeper and offices.....	6
Strong-rooms	3
	<u>9</u>
<i>Ground Floor.</i>	
Offices for the Hon. the Attorney-General.....	3
Office for His Honor the Chief Justice.....	1
Office for His Honor the Puisné Judge.....	1
Office for Judges' Associate	1
Room for Judges' Messenger	1
Waiting-room	1
Strong-room	1
<i>First Floor.</i>	
Executive Council Chamber.....	1
Office for His Excellency the Governor.....	1
Office for Aide-de-Camp	1
Office for Clerk to Executive Council.....	1
Offices (additional) for Registrar Supreme Court.....	2
Board-room	1
Room for Messenger.....	1
Waiting-room.....	1
Strong-room.....	1
<i>Second Floor.</i>	
Offices for Board of Education.....	8
Strong-room.....	1
Number of offices in new building (excluding Basement) ..	<u>28</u>
The number of rooms vacated in present building upon completion of new premises will be 18; viz.—	
On ground floor.....	3
On first floor	9
On second floor.....	6
	<u>18</u>