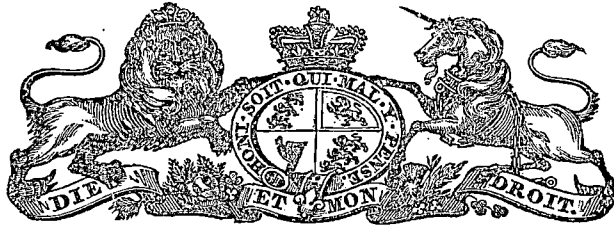


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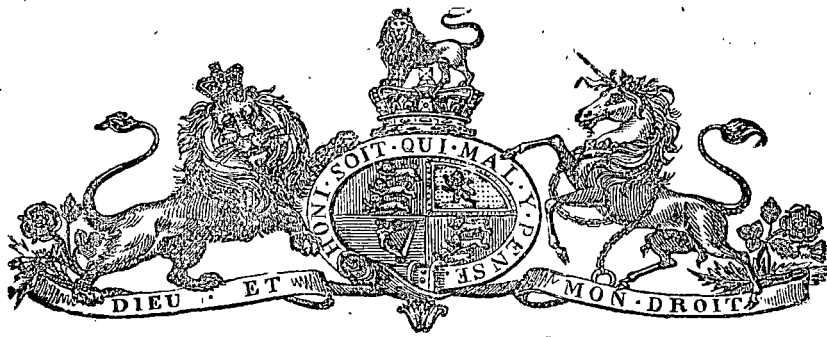
LAUNCESTON AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY.**

Return to an Order of the Council dated September 20, 1867. (Mr. Wedge.)

(In continuation of Paper No. 37, Session I., 1866.)

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
September 24, 1867.



Launceston and Deloraine Railway, Launceston, 16th January, 1862.

SIR,

I AM instructed by the Committee of Promoters of the Launceston and Deloraine Railway to forward a plan of the locality in Launceston whereon the principal engine-station, work-shops, sheds, &c. would be erected in event of the construction of a Railway; and I have to request that, in accordance with the recommendations of Mr. Doyne, and in which the Committee fully acquiesce, the Government will be pleased to reserve from sale for the present, and for the purposes of the Railway, the plot of ground containing 31 acres, or thereabouts, on the Launceston Swamp, with frontage on the Tamar.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.

His Excellency the Administrator in Council approves of the piece of land herein described being reserved from sale.

CHARLES EARDLEY-WILMOT.

20th January, 1862.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.

FORWARDED for the information of the Surveyor-General.

F. M. INNES.

20th January, 1862.

Launceston and Western Railway, 12th May, 1862.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request, on behalf of the promoters of this Railway, that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to reserve from sale, for the future arrangements of the Railway, the piece of Crown Land marked A. on the enclosed tracing.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

Launceston and Western Railway Company (Limited), 1st May, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to request your attention to my letters of the 16th January and 12th May, 1862 (with tracings enclosed), and to replies from your office of 20th January and 16th May, and have to beg that you will now bring the same before the Governor in Council.

The Engineer-in-Chief has been directed to proceed with the setting out of the line for contractors without delay, and the Directors therefore beg that the lands named, with the piece described within the marks * * * * on the tracing enclosed and marked B, may be reserved to the use of the Company for the purposes of the Railway, under the provisions of the 2nd and 28th Sections of the 27 Vict. No. 22.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Honorary Secretary.*

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

REFERRED to the Surveyor-General, who will be good enough to report whether any objection exists to the lands referred to being reserved for the use of the Railway, as requested in the correspondence herewith.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN.
7th May, 1867.

No objection exists to the land referred to in Mr. Dowling's letter of 16th January, 1862, on the Western Swamp (about 31 acres) being reserved for the use of the Railway,—*i.e.*, if the Directors can show that it is not too much for their purposes. In one or more of the great Railways of England similar quantities of land have had to be purchased for station purposes, though the more usual extent required seems rarely to exceed ten or twelve acres.

The land on the Eastern Swamp is reserved from disposal by 24 Vict. No. 16.

The allotment in Perth asked for has been reserved for the Municipality of Longford.

J. E. CALDER.
15th May, 1867.

The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, 21st May, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor of informing you that your application for certain lands to be set aside for the purposes of the Railway was referred to the Surveyor-General for his report; and having now received the same, I beg to inform you that with regard to the block of land on the Western Swamp (about 31 acres) the Government will be prepared to set aside for the purposes of the Railway so much of the land in question as the Engineer-in-Chief may certify to be necessary for the use of the Railway.

With regard to the land applied for on the Eastern Swamp, I find it is reserved from disposal by 24 Vict. No. 16, and it will be necessary to apply to Parliament for such quantity of the land so reserved as the Engineer-in-Chief may certify to be necessary for the purposes of the Railway. And with regard to the allotment at Perth on the main road, at the junction of Mulgrave-street, I find that it was reserved for the Municipality of Longford in the year 1864. (See *Gazette*, page 1025, May 17, 1864.)

On receiving from you the necessary certificates from your Engineer-in-Chief, I will cause the necessary steps to be taken to carry out the wishes of your Directors with regard to the reserves you wish made.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. D. CHAPMAN.

HENRY DOWLING, *Esq., Hon. Sec. Launceston and
Western Railway Company, Launceston.*

Launceston and Western Railway Company, Limited, 1st June, 1867.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 21st May, I have now to enclose the Certificates of the Engineer-in-Chief that the Lands situate in Launceston applied for on behalf of this Company, now more particularly described in the Diagrams enclosed, are required for the purposes of the Launceston and Western Railway. The portion of the Diagrams coloured red denote the Lands in question, the dotted lines describing the "lines of deviation" set out in the Parliamentary Plans, and which may be taken, as you are aware, under the provisions of the Launceston and Western Railway Act, (29 Vict. No. 24.)

With regard to the piece of land at Perth, which it appears was reserved to the Municipality of Longford in 1864, I beg to observe that the promoters of the Railway were led to suppose by the Colonial Treasurer's letter of 1862 (T. 1209) that it would be reserved for the Railway Station, though its appropriation to the purpose would have to be determined upon hereafter.

Under these circumstances I have asked the Council of the Longford Municipality to consent to its appropriation by the Crown to the purposes required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec. Launceston and Western Railway Company,*
Per W. J. NORWOOD.

To the *Hon. the Colonial Treasurer,*
Hobart Town.

Launceston and Western Railway Company (Limited), 14th August, 1867.

SIR,

IT has been intimated to the Board of Directors of the Company by the Government of this Colony that you have been appointed a Commissioner under the Company's Act, your appointment dating from the 1st proximo.

In seeking the appointment of Commissioner at this time the Directors had in view simply the importance of ascertaining, for the information of the Engineer-in-Chief, the amount and character of the engineering work you would deem necessary to enable the Commissioners to report to the Governor in Council on the cost of the line, and they urged the Government to make arrangements with the Commissioners for the payment of fees calculated upon a fixed stipend, to commence when the preliminary works under the Act had been completed, and the financial questions arranged and settled.

But the Government does not appear to have adopted this view, but to have left the Directors and the Commissioners to settle this question. I am, therefore, to ask your consideration of the facts, and of the position of the Company, and to solicit your co-operation.

It must be some time before the information necessary to be submitted to the Commissioners will be fully prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief; and even after the Commissioners' Report has been prepared and submitted to the Governor, and the Company's Bonds endorsed by the Crown, further time must necessarily elapse before the money market has been tested, and the works commenced—until which your permanent residence in Tasmania may be safely postponed.

Under these circumstances, I am to submit for your consideration that you consent to receive payment at per diem, calculated as to amount on the stipend of £750 per annum, for the time during which you may be engaged in the preparation and presentation of the required report;—the full stipend commencing from the time when your residence may become necessary. To such arrangement the Government of this Colony will, I presume, offer no objection.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec.*

S. V. KEMP, *Esq., Melbourne.*

Melbourne, 76, Collins-street West, 2nd September, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated the 14th ultimo, wherein you ask me to accept remuneration for my services at per diem, calculated at the rate of

£750 per annum as fixed by the Government; and in answer thereto I beg to state that I should not be mindful of my own interests were I to consent to such an arrangement, as the total amount of time that I shall be called upon to expend in compliance with the Act will not exceed twenty or thirty days; and as the money market cannot be tested and ascertained much before January next, I shall, consequently, have to remain four months in abeyance, and be precluded thereby from undertaking or engaging in any remunerative occupation, which must of necessity extend beyond the time when my services will be required by the Company.

I therefore beg that you will submit the following to the Board of Directors:—That I am willing to accept payment at per diem calculated as to amount on my stipend, viz., £750 per annum, with travelling expenses added, during the time that I am engaged in the preparation and presentation of the report, and half-pay (say £31 per month) during the time that I am held in abeyance, and until you have ascertained whether you can go on with the line or not.

I beg to mention, for your information, that immediately upon the receipt of my appointment from your Government I made arrangements for the disposal of my interest in a large undertaking which would have occupied me eight months longer to have finished, and I judged by the wording of the letter that my presence would be required in Tasmania almost immediately; and as my appointment has been made so public in all the Melbourne journals, every one concludes that I am leaving Victoria immediately, and all my clients are taking their business elsewhere.

I regret that owing to my absence from town I have not been able to reply to yours before, and I beg you will accept my apology, and I solicit your immediate attention to this, and a reply with the least possible delay.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
SAML. V. KEMP.

H. DOWLING, *Esq.*, *Hon. Sec. Launceston and
Western Railway Company.*

Launceston and Western Railway Company (Limited), 17th September, 1867.

SIR,

YOUR letter of the 2nd September instant I read to the Directors to-day, and I am directed to acknowledge the same, and to accept your proposals with thanks for your consideration of the interests of the Company.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec.*

S. V. KEMP, *Esq.*, *Melbourne.*

Kerry Lodge, near Launceston, 13th September, 1867.

DEAR SIR,

I OBSERVE by the "Correspondence laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council," having reference to the appointment by the Government of Commissioners under the Launceston and Western Railway Act, that the Directors of the Company feel some disappointment that the salaries of the Commissioners should commence before they enter upon the discharge of the duties confided to them.

I request that you will do me the favor to state to the Directors that I shall not for one moment think of burdening the resources of the Company by accepting any portion of the salary attached to my appointment as a non-professional Commissioner for any period which may elapse previous to my entering upon the duties of such appointment.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
THEODORE BARTLEY.

H. DOWLING, *Esq.*, *Hon. Sec. Launceston and
Western Railway Company.*

Launceston and Western Railway Company (Limited), 17th September, 1867.

SIR,

WITH reference to my letters of the 13th of August and the 9th of July, I am directed to inform you that letters have been received from two of the Commissioners,—Mr. Kemp and Mr. Bartley,—on the subject of the emoluments of their offices: that from Mr. Bartley you will perceive having been the voluntary communication to the Directors of that gentleman; that from Mr. Kemp being in reply to a letter from the Board.

This correspondence I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Governor in Council.

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec.*

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Launceston and Western Railway Company (Limited), Launceston, 3rd September, 1867.

SIR,

It has come to the knowledge of the Board of Directors that the Debentures of the Melbourne Corporation, guaranteed by the Victorian Government, are quoted at 6 or 7 per cent. less than the Debentures of that Government on the London Stock Exchange.

Under these circumstances, the Directors have reason to fear that the bonds of this Company, though guaranteed by the Government of this Country, may not be viewed with favour in London at anything like their value as a Colonial security; and the Railway Districts, which are responsible for the interest, would suffer considerably. The difference of quotation would also directly act adversely on the Government securities.

The Directors, therefore, respectfully beg to invite the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to this question; and beg that he will be pleased to submit to Parliament the desirability of their consent being given to the substitution of Government Debentures for the bonds of the Company. The security to the General Revenue against loss of any kind will remain precisely the same as at present, whilst the public interests will be better served.

As it will be necessary for the Directors to submit a short Bill to Parliament, giving powers to the Company to make certain deviations which may be necessary to economise the outlay on construction, a clause can be introduced to make the exchange proposed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DOWLING, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer, Hobart Town.

Colonial Treasury, 5th September, 1867.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you bring under the notice of the Government the advisability of obtaining the authority of Parliament for raising the necessary funds for the construction of the Railway by the issue of Government Debentures chargeable on the General Revenue of the Colony instead of issuing Bonds guaranteed by the Government.

In reply, I have the honor of informing you that the subject will receive the early consideration of the Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Colonial Treasurer.*

HENRY DOWLING, *Junr., Esq., Hon. Sec.*
Launceston and Deloraine Railway
Company, Launceston.