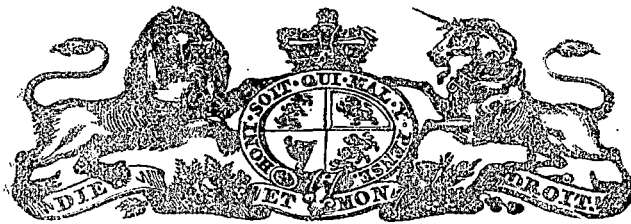


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Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Belbin.)

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, September 26, 1884; and ordered
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TELEGRAM.

WARRANT issued this day by Hobart Bench for arrest of Croumbie Brown, obtaining Two Pounds by valueless cheque, intent to defraud Joseph Blackley. Description : Five feet eight, dark complexion, moustache only, slight build. Supposed left Launceston *Flinders* yesterday, accompanied by Miss Lumsden, with whom he has eloped.

F. J. P. NORMAN, *for Inspector of Police.*
20th October, 1883.

The Chief Commissioner of Police, Melbourne.

TELEGRAM.

SUB-INSPECTOR Kemp is not acting under my authority ; he is simply a local Municipal officer improperly possessed of the depositions.

If Croumbie Brown is not sent back at once the Melbourne Bench might decline further remand, and I should have difficulty in obtaining depositions. I do not wish to assist the prisoner in escaping, so you had better let the Sub-Inspector bring him. Question may arise as to using copy of Warrant when original is in existence and available. I will write to you again.

JOHN SWAN, *Inspector of Police.*
27th October, 1883.

Chief Commissioner Police, Melbourne.

Office of Inspector of Police, 25th October, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you, *re* the arrest of Croumbie Brown, that the original Warrant is still in my possession. I have not been able to obtain depositions, as they are in the hands of the Municipal Police.

I heard from the Police Magistrate that a telegram was sent to some branch of your Force by the Municipal Superintendent of Hobart, and replied to without reference to me. I beg to say that if this was really done it was contrary to the understanding given by the Government of Victoria that all Police correspondence should be through me, and contrary also to what has been your invariable custom.

There have been attempts made by the Municipalities of Hobart and Launceston to defy the Government authority in Police matters, and this I imagine is an effort in that direction. By present regulation, however, these local bodies have no right to make any communication outside the Colony.

JOHN SWAN.

The Chief Commissioner of Police Melbourne.