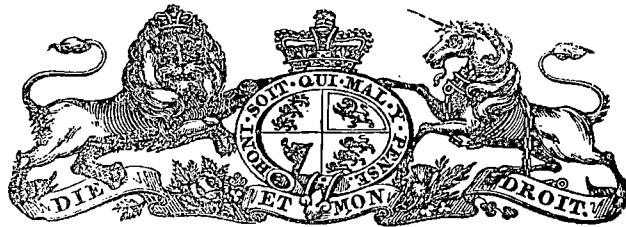


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DESPATCH, &c.

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*Downing-street, 5th June, 1878.*

SIR,

WITH reference to the Memorandum prepared by Rear-Admiral E. K. Barnard, R.N., relating to the harbours, roadsteads, and landing-places on the Coasts of Tasmania, which forms an appendix to Sir W. Jervois' Report upon the Defences of the Colony, I have the honor to transmit to you for the consideration of your Government a copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty stating the terms upon which their Lordships will be prepared to undertake a Marine Survey of the Coasts of the Colony.

I have, &c.

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

*Governor WELD, C.M.G., &c.*

(Copy.)

*The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.*

*Admiralty, 28th May, 1878.*

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that their Lordships having had under consideration the desirability of proceeding with a Marine Survey of the Coasts of Tasmania, to which attention was drawn in the statement prepared by Rear-Admiral Barnard, and referred to in Sir W. Jervois' Memorandum which accompanied your letter above referred to, my Lords are prepared to undertake such a survey, provided the Government of Tasmania will bear half the cost, as has been the case in other Australian colonies; the total cost being estimated at not less than £3000 (three thousand pounds), nor more than £4000 (four thousand pounds) in any one year.

2. My Lords consider that the larger amount would be preferable, as it would allow for the occasional hire of a small steam vessel for off-shore soundings.

3. On hearing that the Tasmanian Government will agree to this proposal, the necessary steps will be taken by the Admiralty to send properly qualified naval officers from this country.

I am, &c.

THOS. WOLLEY.

*The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.*

FOR MINISTERS.

I CALL the special attention of Ministers to this Despatch. I obtained the same offer for Western Australia, and carried it into effect. I wish to note that a very great saving is to be made by the employment, and still more by the purchase, of a steam-boat. If the latter was thought of it could be used as a look-out boat and torpedo boat in case of war, also for visiting the islands, and communicating in case of need with the West Coast.

FRED. A. WELD.  
*July 19, '78.*