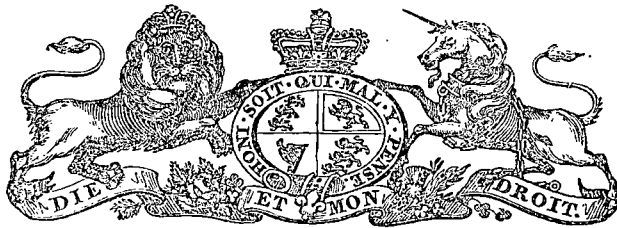


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DESPATCH FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
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Downing-street, 2nd February, 1860.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 90, of the 29th September, accompanied by Proceedings of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, proposing that two Companies of Artillery should be furnished to the Island, of which the Colonial Legislature would undertake to defray half of the pay and allowances, and expressing a wish that the Government should aid to establish a Volunteer Artillery Company at Hobart Town.

I regret to acquaint you that it is not in my power to comply with the former part of this application, as the demands for Her Majesty's Forces at the present time do not admit of sparing two Companies of Royal Artillery.

The proposal to form a Volunteer Artillery Company is spirited and patriotic, and fully deserves the countenance of the Government. I fear, however, that at this moment little practical aid can be given from England. The services of discharged non-commissioned officers and men of the Artillery as Instructors would doubtless have been useful. The Colony of Victoria has offered to give to such Instructors any remuneration which the Government at home might find to be requisite for obtaining their services; but I regret to say that no Volunteers have been procurable for the purpose. In case, however, further endeavours may produce a more successful result, I shall be glad to know from you whether the Legislature of Tasmania would be prepared to provide from Colonial resources any advantages which may be found necessary in order to obtain men of the required description. You will be able to ascertain on the spot how far the means of training and instruction can be derived from the few Artillerymen present in Tasmania, or from any whom the General in command of the Troops in Australia might deem it possible to spare for the encouragement of so laudable an undertaking.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Governor SIR H. E. F. YOUNG, C.B.,
Tasmania.