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COLONEL BROUGHTON.

RETURN TO AN ADDRESS. (*Mr. Whyte.*)

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Presented by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
September 17, 1861.



*Hobart Town Executive Council Office, 8th December, 1860.*

SIR,  
I AM directed by the Governor in Council to enclose for your information and guidance the accompanying copy of a Minute of the Executive Council, advising His Excellency to revoke and cancel your appointment as a Member of that body.

I am further to inform you that the Governor has this day been pleased to execute Letters Patent revoking and cancelling your appointment as a Member of the Executive Council.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT.

To Colonel BROUGHTON, R.E.

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*AT a Meeting of the Executive Council, held at the Executive Council Chamber, Hobart Town, on Friday, December 7, 1860.*

PRESENT.

His Excellency the Governor.  
The Honorable W. P. Weston.

The Honorable F. M. Innes.  
The Honorable W. Archer.

MINUTE, No. 343.

THE Governor brings under the consideration of the Council the printed Correspondence laid before Parliament respecting the transfer of the Commissariat Store at Launceston to the Colony,—the Parliamentary Address on the cession of unoccupied Military buildings to the Colony,—the Deputy Adjutant-General's letter of the 31st October, conveying the instructions of the Major-General to Colonel Broughton to make the transfer of the store in question,—the letter of Colonel Broughton to the Governor's Aide-de-Camp,—and also Colonel Broughton's letter to the Colonial Treasurer, declining to relinquish the Store:

Whereupon the Council advise the Governor to revoke and cancel the appointment of Colonel Broughton to be a Member of the Executive Council.

Certified to be a true Extract.

CHESTER EARDLEY-WILMOT.

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COLONEL BROUGHTON.

MEMORANDUM.

18th September, 1860.

A JOINT Address of both Houses of Parliament to the Governor was passed, praying that he would be pleased to give instructions to the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Troops to afford every assistance to the Volunteer Corps throughout the Colony, by placing at the service of the Volunteers such buildings as may be required by them for Orderly Rooms and Drill Practice,—25th September.—Correspondence with

Colonel Broughton, respecting the possession of the Commissariat Store at Launceston, was printed,—1st. October.—A vote of censure was proposed in the House of Assembly, to the effect “That the House deprecated the discouragement offered to the Volunteer movement, in relation to the Commissariat Store in Launceston, and expressed its acknowledgment of the zealous interposition of His Excellency the Governor.”

This resolution was withdrawn upon the proposal of the Premier, in consequence of his statement that the subject of difference had been referred for decision to higher authority.

31st. October.—On this day General Pratt, by letter, authorized and requested the transfer of the Store to the Colonial Government, which, on the 27th November, was forwarded through Sir Henry Young to Colonel Broughton,—On the 3rd December Colonel Broughton, in letter addressed to the Colonial Treasurer, refused compliance with General Pratt's instructions.

Colonel Broughton continued, without being summoned thereto, to give his attendance at the Meetings of the Executive Council. As his want of concert obstructed the proceedings of the Ministry in carrying out the views of Parliament, for which they were responsible, his further presence was objected to, and his removal was deemed unavoidable.

On the 8th December, the appointment which he held as Member of the Executive Council was cancelled.