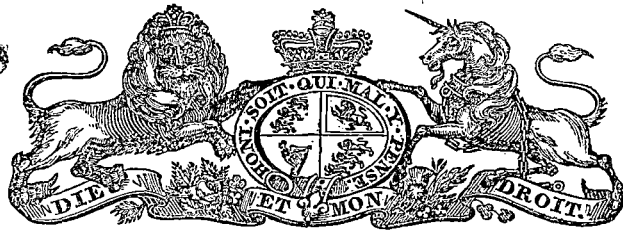


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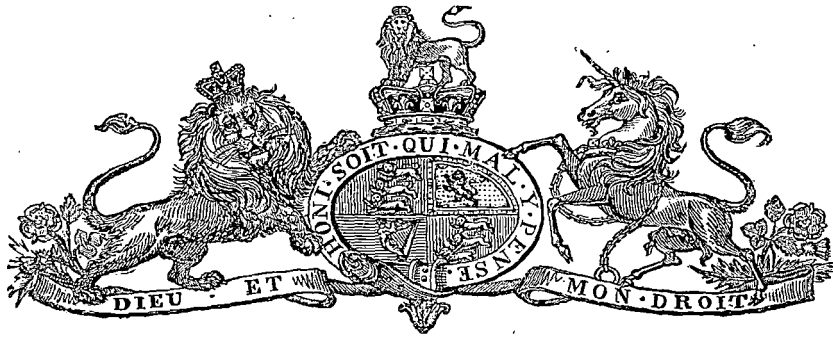
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SIR,

I HAVE received your Despatch, No. 5, of the 19th of January last, in which you transmit an Address of the Legislative Council of Tasmania, embodying certain Resolutions expressive of their opinion that any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of Convicts to the Northern portion of Australia, or the Islands adjacent, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.

You will inform the Council, that no plan for the formation of a Convict Settlement in the Northern portion of Australia is in the contemplation of Her Majesty's Advisers.

I have, &c.,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor SIR H. YOUNG, *C.B.*