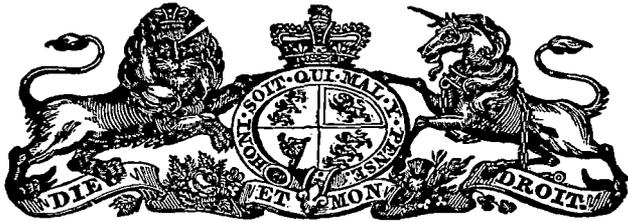


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SESSION II.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

DESPATCH.

GOVERNOR'S SALARY.

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TASMANIA.
No. 24.

Downing-street, 22nd October, 1872.

SIR,

I DESIRE to call your attention to my Despatch, No. 8, of the 10th of April, relating to the reserved Bill passed by the Legislature of Tasmania in 1871, "to reduce the Salary and Allowances of every future Governor" of that Colony.

Since writing that Despatch I have had this question under my further consideration; and in view of the general circumstances of Tasmania, and its present financial condition, I consider that the proposed sums of £3000 on account of Salary and £1000 for Allowances, combined with the provision of furniture for Government House, amount to more than I can properly require to be charged upon the revenues of the Colony for these purposes.

I am of opinion that it would in future be convenient that the payments for salary and allowances, which are kept separate in the reserved Bill, should be merged in one; and that a sum of £3500 will be sufficient for the Salary of a future Governor, provided the Legislature agree to the proposal made in my Despatch, No. 8, of the 10th of last April, with regard to the furnishing of the Government House, but without requiring any payment from the Governor as therein suggested.

On learning that the Parliament is prepared to accept that condition, I shall be willing to advise Her Majesty to assent to an amended Bill securing a Salary of £3500 to the Governor to cover all the items mentioned in the Schedules of the Bill of 1871.

You will communicate this Despatch, together with No. 8 above referred to, to your Responsible Advisers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KIMBERLEY.

Governor DU CANE.