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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MAIN LINE RAILWAY:

CORRESPONDENCE.

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TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY.

TREASURY CORRESPONDENCE.

GUARANTEED INTEREST.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 13th January, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, for the year ending the 31st December last, which I have made annual, in accordance with the requirements of Section 5 in the Act 46 Victoria, No. 43, which requires that the Accounts should be adjusted on the principle of yearly balances.

Having previously rendered Accounts for the three preceding quarters, it seemed to me more convenient that I should simply bring forward the totals of these quarters, and give the detail of the Working Account for the last quarter, rather than give you the total for each detail of the whole year.

The yearly balance of profit and loss showing a profit of £31 3s. 3d., I have deducted that sum from the guaranteed interest on the past quarter, which therefore amounts to £8093 16s. 9d., for which I enclose an Account.

It is with extreme satisfaction that I am now able to render the accounts without any reference to questions at issue, and I trust this will now and always hereafter be considered to be favourable to the Colony.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT, *General Manager.*

The Hon. J. S. DODDS, Treasurer.

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Accountant's Office, Hobart, 13th January, 1883.

AN ABSTRACT of Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the
Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

Dr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per Abstracts rendered—								By Receipts as per Abstracts rendered—							
March Quarter, 1882 .....	...	16,958	2	9				March Quarter, 1882 .....	...	16,941	0	10			
June ditto .....	...	14,320	11	11				June ditto .....	...	14,316	19	4			
September ditto .....	...	13,057	13	7				September ditto .....	...	13,049	8	3			
		<u>£44,336</u>			8	3				<u>£44,307</u>			8	5	
Expenditure, December Quarter, 1882—								Receipts December Quarter, 1882—							
Permanent Way, Works, and Stations	3690	2	10					Passengers	9828	3	2				
Locomotive Power	4274	0	9					Parcels	594	11	6				
Carriages and Wagons ...	994	6	10					Horses, Carriages, & Dogs	210	18	10				
Traffic Expenses	2149	9	10					Excess Luggage	81	14	8				
General Charges, London	800	0	0					Left ditto	6	17	4				
Ditto, Tasmania	833	13	9					Telegrams	62	19	7				
Miscellaneous Expenses...	84	15	2					Mails	718	5	0				
Launceston and Western Railway Toll	1009	7	6					Goods	3605	10	1				
		<u>13,835</u>			16	8		Minerals	370	9	1				
		<u>58,172</u>			4	11		Live Stock	474	7	10				
Balance		<u>31</u>			9	3		Sundries	127	2	8				
		<u>£58,203</u>			8	2				<u>16,020</u>			19	9	
		<u>£58,203</u>			8	2				<u>60,328</u>			8	2	
		<u>£58,203</u>			8	2			Less amount of Guaranteed Interested deducted as per compromise, (Act 46 Vict. No. 43, 1882)		<u>2125</u>			0	0
		<u>£58,203</u>			8	2					<u>£58,203</u>			8	2

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

C. H. GRANT, General Manager.

TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Guaranteed Interest Department.

		£	s.	d.
1882.				
Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.	To One full Quarter's Interest due as per Contract between the Government of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the full sum of £650,000 expended on the Construction of the Railway, as shown by previous accounts and vouchers in the possession of the Government—			
	One full quarter of Guarantee of £32,500 per annum	8125	0	0
	Less—Balance of Revenue Account as per Abstract herewith		31	3
		<u>£8093</u>		
			16	9

Amounting to Eight thousand and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence.

(Signature of Claimant)—*The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,*
By their Attorney—

C. H. GRANT.

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.
Jan. 13, 1883.£8093 16 9

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Eight thousand and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, being the amount of the above Account of Particulars.

The Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,
By their Attorney—

C. H. GRANT.

Witness to the payment—

H. SIMPSON.
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*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th April, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure—so far as it can be made up in this Colony—of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the first three months of the present year, which I trust you will consider to be eminently satisfactory, since it shows the largest increase in receipts I have hitherto had the pleasure to bring under your notice.

Although this result has to a great extent been obtained from the very unusual augmentation of the intercolonial traffic, it does not appear to me to be of a spasmodic nature; nor do I see any reason for apprehending that it will not be continued as the internal resources of the Colony are gradually developed, since it arises from an expansion of each branch of the traffic.

As regards the expenditure, the normal portion thereof has necessarily been much increased from the great rise in the value of labour generally; but its scarcity has, on the other hand, entirely prevented my carrying out the repairs, both of the line and of the rolling-stock, that it has been customary to perform at this season of the year, and therefore the total expenses are much below what they should have been had there been a proper outlay in the maintenance of rolling-stock, ballasting of the line, &c. The delay in the arrival of stores now afloat also reduces the usual charges, which must appear exceptionally heavy in the next quarter.

It is therefore a matter of great satisfaction to me that the revised agreement between the Government and the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, which has received Parliamentary sanction, allows of the large balance being retained by the Company on the first quarter of the year, to be available if necessary for the actual disbursements of future quarters.

I have the honor to forward you an account for the proportion of the guaranteed interest on the first three months of the current year, amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds (£8125), for examination and payment, according to the terms of the contract.

I take this opportunity to assure the Government and yourself that the inconvenience the public have latterly experienced from the want of rolling-stock, both passenger and goods, has caused me much regret, but was wholly unavoidable with the existing resources of the Company. Every effort is now being made to overtake the proper maintenance of this rolling-stock, and to provide against the serious disadvantage, both to the Colony and the Company, the deficiency in this respect must necessarily entail.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

The Hon. J. S. DODDS, Treasurer.

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th April, 1883.

*AN ABSTRACT of Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the
Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Three months ending 31st March, 1883.*

To Expenditure—	DR.	£	s.	d.	By Receipts—	CR.	£	s.	d.
Permanent Way		5238	1	8	Passengers		14,557	6	6
Locomotive Power		3758	6	1	Parcels		587	19	11
Carriages and Wagons		1929	11	9	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs		321	8	0
Traffic Expenses		2267	10	9	Excess Luggage		116	9	8
General Charges, London		800	0	0	Left ditto		9	9	10
Ditto, Tasmania		777	17	5	Telegrams		91	14	6
Miscellaneous Expenses		210	7	10	Mails		718	5	0
Launceston and Western Railway Toll...		1034	7	6	Goods		4270	10	8
					Minerals		284	10	10
					Live Stock		453	11	4
					Rents and Sundries		212	15	6
Balance carried forward to next Quarter		16,016	3	0					
		5607	18	9					
		<u>£21,624</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>£21,624</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

C. H. GRANT, General Manager.

TASMANIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

		<i>Guaranteed Interest Department.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
1883. Jan. 1 to March 31.	To One-fourth proportion of the yearly Interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £650,000 expended on the Construction of the Railway, and payable according to the terms of the Act of Parliament, 46 Victoria, No. 43, Section 5— One-fourth of £32,500		<u>£8125 0 0</u>

Amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling.

C. H. GRANT,
*For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited.*R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*
April 14, 1883.*Treasury, Hobart, 2nd May, 1883.*£8000 0 0

RECEIVED from the Treasury the sum of Eight thousand Pounds, being on account of the yearly Interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, at the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £650,000 expended on the Construction of the Railway, such sum being paid without prejudice to the balance to be struck at the end of the year 1883 according to the terms of the Act of Parliament, 46 Vict. No. 43, Section 5.

For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,

C. H. GRANT.

Treasury, 26th April, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing an Abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure of the Main Line Railway Company for the first three months of the present year; and in reply I beg to state that instructions have been given to pay over to you the sum of Eight thousand Pounds on account of guaranteed interest for the year 1883, pending the adjustment of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Company at the close of the current year.

I have, &c.

*The Manager T.M.L.R. Company, Hobart.*J. S. DODDS, *Treasurer.*

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 30th April, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 26th instant, which arrived during my absence in Launceston.

In thanking you for the information that instructions have been given to pay the Main Line Railway Company, Limited, Eight thousand Pounds on account of guaranteed interest pending the adjustment of Accounts at the end of the present year, I have to state that the Company willingly accept this instalment of the £8125 they claim; but must also submit that the form of account, and terms of my accompanying letter, conclusively show that the Company only desire the payment to be made as on account, and therefore it would simplify the matter were their statement, as rendered, paid in full. The Company will, however, be satisfied with your proposal should you consider it advisable to adhere thereto, because the smallness of the amount in question proves that in effect you adopt that interpretation of the Contract I ventured to submit on behalf of the Company.

I have, &c.

*The Hon. J. S. DODDS, Treasurer.*C. H. GRANT, *General Manager.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER, 1882.

Audit Office, Hobart, 30th May, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report that the Books and Accounts of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway, with regard to the quarterly periods ending September 30th and December 31st, 1882, have been duly audited.

The Act 46 Victoria, No. 43, for the settlement of the disputes between the Main Line Railway Company and the Government, was passed since my last report, and although the quarterly statements have been audited as heretofore, the balance of profit and loss has been ascertained upon the whole year's transactions in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Act mentioned.

The various amounts contained in the statements are correctly exhibited, and they have been fairly distributed under the different items both of Receipts and Expenditure.

Vouchers and Statements of the London Office Expenses for the year 1881 have been received and brought to account during the September quarter, the under-mentioned estimated amount still remaining to be adjusted :—

London Office Expenses, 1882 £3200

The following table shows the transactions for the two quarters now under review, against the proper heads.

ABSTRACT of Traffic Receipts and Expenditure for the Quarterly Periods ending respectively 30th September and 31st December, 1882.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
	Quarter ending 30 September.	Quarter ending 31st December.		Quarter ending 30 September.	Quarter ending 31st December.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Coaching traffic	8930 11 0	11,443 10 1	Maintenance of permanent way	4914 16 4	3690 2 10	
Goods, live stock, &c.....	4019 16 11	4450 7 0	Locomotive power	3290 13 4	4274 0 9	
Miscellaneous	99 0 4	127 2 8	Carriage and wagon repairs	525 6 3	994 6 10	
			Traffic expenses.....	1900 9 10	2149 9 10	
			General charges	737 13 11	833 13 9	
			Miscellaneous	61 10 9	84 15 2	
			Tolls and compensation, Launceston & Western Railway	1009 7 6	1009 7 6	
			* London office expenses.....	617 15 8	800 0 0	
	13,049 8 3	16,020 19 9		13,057 13 7	13,835 16 8	

*Estimated items subject to amendment in subsequent quarters, in accordance with Clause 9 of Contract.

The result on the whole year's operations was as under :—

	RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.		PROFIT.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Quarter ending March 31st, 1882.....	16,941	0 10	16,958	2 9		
Ditto, June 30th,	14,316	19 4	14,320	11 11		
Ditto, September 30th, ditto.....	13,049	8 3	13,057	13 7		
Ditto, December 31st, ditto	16,020	19 9	13,835	16 8		
	60,328	8 2	58,172	4 11	2156	3 3

It will be noticed that the whole of the profit has been made during the last quarter of the year, the amount being £2156 3s. 3d. From this sum the Company have appropriated £2125, as authorised by Section 3 of 46 Vict. No. 43 : there remains therefore a surplus of £31 3s. 3d., which has been deducted in the claim for guaranteed interest, leaving the sum of £32,468 16s. 9d. due to the Company on that account for the year 1882. Against this amount there had been advances made by the Treasury during 1882 of £24,375, and the balance, £8093 16s. 9d., was paid on the 30th January, 1883.

The Company has also claimed and received the sum of £14,654 0s. 10d. under Section 1 of the Act referred to as a full discharge of all claims against the Government up to the 30th September, 1882, and all the amounts received by the Company have been included in the table at the end of this report.

All the matters of dispute formerly pending between the Company and the Government having been finally settled, the "Suspense Account" kept in the Railway books, and containing charges for and against the Government, has been closed.

Every facility having been rendered by the Officers of the Company for the audit of the accounts, I have pleasure in making the usual acknowledgment.

ABSTRACT of Receipts, Expenditure, &c. since the opening of the Line according to Contract.

PARTICULARS.		1876 (2 months).	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Miles open	No.	..	122	122	122	122	122	122
Miles worked	No.	..	133	133	133	133	133	133
Train miles	No.	..	240,183	265,757	292,284	296,472	299,839	302,281
Aggregate train miles from January 1st, 1877	No.	..	240,183	505,940	798,224	1,094,696	1,394,535	1,696,816
Traffic Receipts	£	5176	38,743	46,094	49,727	50,180	54,793	60,328
Working Expenses	£	5978	48,732	54,526	55,626	50,727	54,816	58,172
Profit on Working .....	£	..	..	..	..	..	..	2156
Loss on Working	£	802	9989	8432	5899	547	23	..
Aggregate Traffic Receipts ...	£	5176	43,919	90,013	139,740	189,920	244,713	305,041
Aggregate Working Expenses	£	5978	54,710	109,236	164,862	215,589	270,405	323,577
Traffic Receipts per train mile	s. d.	..	3 2·7	3 5·6	3 4·8	3 4·6	3 7·9	3 11·9
Working Expenses per train mile	s. d.	..	4 0·6	4 1·1	3 9·6	3 6·4	3 7·9	3 10·2
Traffic Receipts per mile open	£	..	291·3	346·6	373·8	377·2	412·	453·6
Working Expenses per mile open	£	..	367·1	409·9	418·2	381·4	412·1	437·4
Guaranteed Interest received	£	..	..	70,417	32,500	34,375	32,500	49,248*
Aggregate ditto .....	£	..	..	70,417	102,917	133,292	165,792	215,040*

* Including amounts paid and deducted under 46 Vict. No. 43.

W. LOVETT, Colonial Auditor.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

MAIN LINE RAILWAY.—TREASURY CORRESPONDENCE.

(In continuation of House of Assembly Paper No. 66, 1883.)

Laid upon the Table by the Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 7, 1883.

*Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited,
General Manager's Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1883.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward you herewith an abstract of the Traffic Receipts and Expenditure, so far as it can be made up in this Colony, of the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company, Limited, for the quarterly period ending the 30th ultimo.

You will doubtless notice with satisfaction that the gross traffic receipts of the quarter have increased from £14,316 19s. 4d. in 1882, to £16,454 16s. 5d. in the current year, showing a high rate of progress, which it seems probable will be maintained.

Although the expenses have largely increased, this is principally due to the causes stated in my letter to you of the 14th April last, when the large amount of the credit balance (being £5607 18s. 9d.) was explained. This sum you will notice is now reduced to £3225 15s., which is carried forward as a credit to the year.

I have now the honor to forward you an account for the proportion of the guaranteed interest on the second quarter of this year, amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds (£8125), and to request payment thereof in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

I have, &c.

C. H. GRANT.

Hon. J. S. DODDS, M.H.A., Treasurer.

TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

*Accountant's Office, Hobart, 14th July, 1883.**AN ABSTRACT of Receipts and Expenditure on account of Traffic, &c. conveyed over the Tasmanian Main Line Railway for the Quarter ending June 30, 1883.*

Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Expenditure—			By Receipts—		
Permanent Way	6860	14 5	Passengers	8609	4 0
Locomotive Power	4605	5 7	Parcels.....	561	8 4
Carriages and Wagons	2493	13 6	Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	219	11 9
Traffic Expenses	2316	0 6	Excess Luggage.....	86	6 6
General Charges, London	800	0 0	Left ditto	3	14 2
Ditto, Tasmania.....	776	1 3	Telegrams	69	16 7
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	50	17 5	Mails	718	5 0
Launceston and Western Railway Toll...	1034	7 6	Goods.....	4993	6 4
			Minerals	398	13 6
	18,837	0 2	Live Stock	659	6 6
			Rents and Sundries.....	135	3 9
Balance carried forward to next Quarter	3225	15 0		16,454	16 5
	£22,062	15 2	Balance from March Quarter	5607	18 9
				£22,062	15 2

R. J. ELLIS, Accountant.

C. H. GRANT, General Manager.

T A S M A N I A.

THE GOVERNMENT OF TASMANIA Dr.

To THE TASMANIAN MAIN LINE RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Guaranteed Interest Department.

£ s. d.

1883. April 1st to June 30th.	To One-fourth Proportion of the yearly Interest guaranteed by the Government of Tasmania to the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company (Limited), at the rate of 5 per cent. on the sum of £650,000 expended on the construction of the Railway, and payable according to the terms of the Act of Parliament, 46° Victoria, No. 43, Section 5—One-fourth of £32,500.....	8125 0 0
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Amounting to Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds sterling.

(Signature of Claimant)—*For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company (Limited)*—

£8125 Os. 0d.

C. H. GRANT.

R. J. ELLIS, *Accountant.*

RECEIVED from the Honorable the Treasurer the sum of Eight thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds, being the above Account of Particulars.

For the Tasmanian Main Line Railway Company (Limited)—

C. H. GRANT.

Witness to the Payment—W. BENSON,
28. 7. 83.