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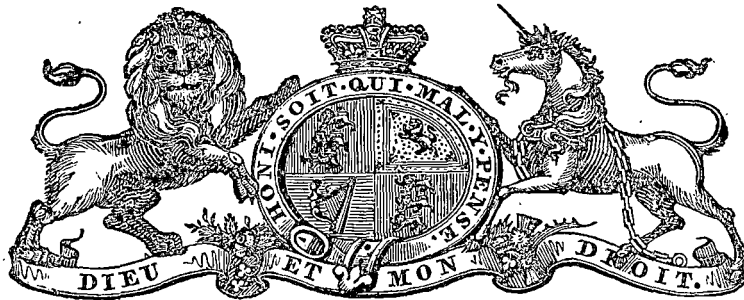
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DISSOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

DESPATCH FROM HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE,
20 MAY, 1862.

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Downing-street, 20th May, 1862.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 23, of the 8th of February, inclosing an Address from the Legislative Council of Tasmania, stating that, as your Ministers have lost the Confidence of that body, it is impossible for the present Government to conduct the Administration of Public Affairs with advantage to the Colony, and praying that you would adopt such measures as you may deem best calculated to meet so critical and grave an emergency.

Although circumstances might doubtless arise in which it might be proper to put an end to a contest between the Legislative Council and Assembly, by dissolving the latter body, yet I do not discover any such circumstances in the present case; and I entirely approve of the answer which you returned to this Address, refusing to adopt a step which could only have been justified by necessity.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

*Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.,
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