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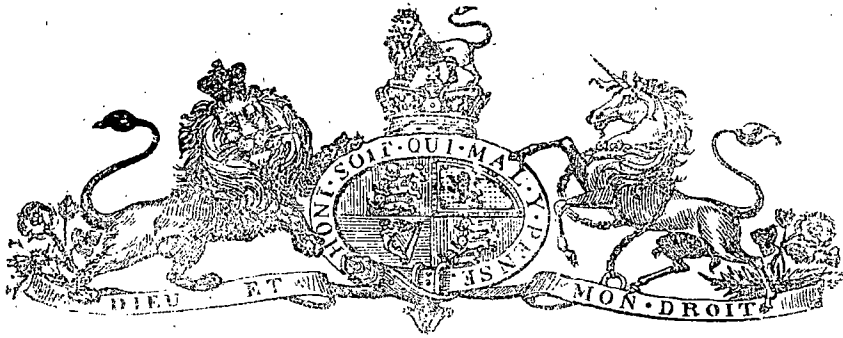
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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :

MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLONIAL AUDITOR.

Laid upon the Table by the Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed,
August 3, 1883.



Audit Office, 3rd August, 1883.

MEMO. for the Honorable the Treasurer.

THE Colonial Auditor has the honor to forward the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Tasmanian Public Library, for the information of Parliament, the Trustees having omitted to publish the same with their Report for the year 1882, as requested.

W. LOVETT.

Tasmania.

Audit Office, 12th April, 1883.

SIR,

REFERRING to correspondence which has taken place on the question of the disposal of the sum of £206 15s. 10d., granted by Parliament under Act 46 Vict. No. 50, and paid over to the Trustees of the Library, I notice in the account of receipts and disbursements of the Trustees for 1882 that it is intended to expend this money in the purchase of Books for the Library. Being under the impression when the Account was before me that the purchase of Books for the Library was an investment within the meaning of Section 5 of Act 34, No. 27, I placed the usual certificate upon the account and returned it to you; but having since that time carefully considered the matter, I am now of opinion that the disposal of the money in the manner indicated is illegal, and that the Trustees are bound by the Act to treat all such donations as Capital, and to invest the same for the benefit of the Library.

I have the honor therefore to request you will be so good as to attach this letter to the Report of the Trustees for the purpose of laying the same before Parliament.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

*The Honorable T. D. CHAPMAN, Chairman
Tasmanian Public Library Trustees.*