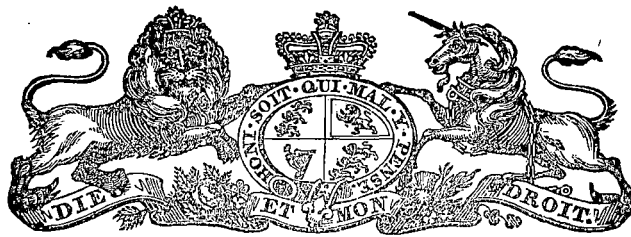


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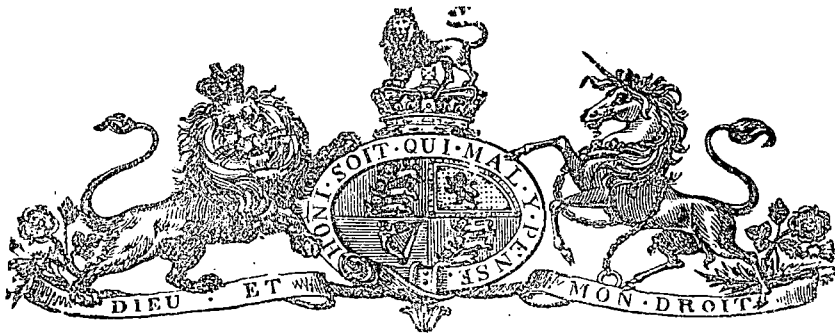
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE ORGANISATION AND
WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND WORKS.

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INSTRUCTIONS to Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Organisation and Working of the Department of Lands and Works.

MEMO.

THE attention of the Royal Commissioners appointed to enquire into the organisation and working of the Department of Lands and Works is specially directed to the under-mentioned subjects, upon each of which they are requested to report fully and unreservedly after examination of such witnesses as they may deem it expedient to summon.

As the enquiry is one of great and pressing importance, the Commissioners are requested to enter upon their duties as early as may be practicable, and to furnish their Report for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council as soon as possible.

1. The division of work and duties of the several officers, and the sufficiency or otherwise of the staff employed in each branch.
2. The system of registration of documents and indexing of subjects, and whether such registration and indexing are kept up to date.
3. The mode adopted for securing the survey of land for sale, or selection ; also for the survey of tracks, roads, &c.
4. Under whose orders and instructions are the above duties performed ; and what check, if any, is maintained upon the field work of the surveyors.
5. The system at present in force regarding the leasing of mineral lands, and the prompt settlement of disputes.
6. The manner in which plans and estimates of public works are prepared, including detailed drawings and specifications, and under whose direction and control.
7. Whether any officer, indoor or out, has been or is in any way, directly or indirectly, connected as a copartner or otherwise with any one who has been or is a contractor of works in any branch of the Department, or otherwise engaged in trade or business.
8. The condition and maintenance of the Main Road from Hobart Town to Launceston. The mode adopted to secure its being kept in repair, what check exists upon those employed, and the system pursued in the payment of their wages.
9. To report upon all other matters the Commissioners may in their discretion deem necessary, accompanied by recommendations.