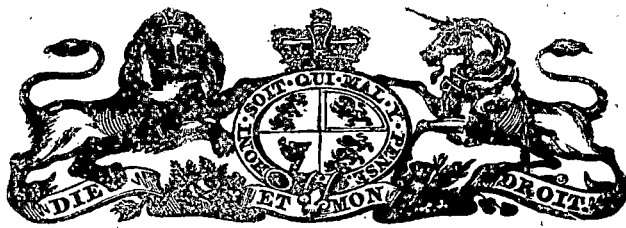


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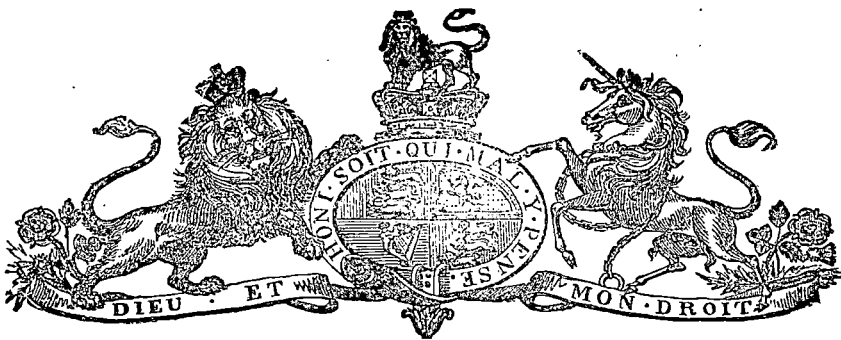
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MR. R. G. FITZSIMONS' CASE :

PETITION TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Laid upon the Table by the Attorney-General, and ordered by the House to be printed, October 29, 1884.



To His Excellency the Governor in Council.

I HAVE the honor very respectfully to bring under the notice of Your Excellency in Council the following particulars :—

That in the year 1862 my Office was abolished, after thirteen years' service, when I became entitled, under "The Superannuation Act, 24 Vict. No. 15, Section 5," to a special annual allowance by way of compensation not exceeding the amount to which I would have been entitled under the scale of superannuation provided by this Act if ten years were added to the number of years which I served.

The head of the department, J. Forster, Esquire, under whom I was at one time second in command when the Police of the Colony were under the Central Government, certified, on the abolition of my office, that I had served with diligence and fidelity, adding that I had been a useful and efficient officer, ever ready and zealous.

During my period of service I risked my life and health when on bush service, and also in the suppression of crime and outrages prevalent in those days.

My special annual allowance by way of compensation, I beg to state, has been erroneously computed.

I received for three years prior to the abolition of my office £150 a year, in addition to emoluments. The annual compensation made me is £32 10s., calculated upon thirteen years on the salary alone, leaving out the additional years that should have been added and allowed me under the Act, as also the computation on emoluments.

Having hitherto led an active life I gave but little heed to the amount of compensation awarded me or to the Superannuation Act under which it was granted. Recently, however, having read up the Act, and believing the calculations arrived at not to be in accordance with the said Act, I take leave to ask that the error be rectified.

I respectfully claim at least as follows :—

13 years' salary of £150 a year ; 5 years' ditto added—*vide* 5th Section of Act—18 years at £150 a year—should be £45, instead of £32 10s.

I therefore ask that Your Excellency in Council will take my case into consideration, and have justice done me.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

R. G. FITZSIMONS.

Richmond, 17th July, 1884.

To Ministers.—G. C. S.
23. 7. 84.

WILL the Honorable the Chief Secretary oblige the Premier with the papers in this case ?

For the Premier,

F. STOPS.
26. 7. 84.

HAVING had this case now for the first time brought under my notice, it appears to me that the Petitioner has a case deserving consideration.

W. R. GIBLIN.
14. 8. 84.

CAN the Auditor give any information in this case, or give any reason why Pension was not calculated in the usual way ?

ADYE DOUGLAS.
9th October, 1884.

I AM not in possession of any information as to this case beyond the facts stated in the Pension paper, nor am I aware of the reasons which guided the Executive and the late Auditor in the matter.

W. LOVETT.
Audit Office, 14th October, 1884.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.