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**MR. FYSH'S RETIREMENT FROM POSITION
OF PREMIER:**

THE GOVERNOR'S MEMORANDUM.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 19, 1878.



THE PREMIERSHIP.

MEMORANDUM FOR MINISTERS.

THE Premier, Mr. P. O. Fysh, has, through Mr. W. R. Giblin, tendered his written resignation to the Governor of his office of Premier. The resignation of the Premiership constitutionally involves that of Ministers, "ipso facto." Individual Ministers may, however, retain their offices if permitted by the Sovereign ("Todd"), or her representative. But the resignation of the Premier has not resulted from political or party exigencies, or under pressure of any kind; the Governor, therefore, in accepting it, believes that the Public Service will be best consulted by his adopting a course which will facilitate the meeting of Parliament by present Ministers with a *personnel* as little changed as possible, bearing in view that they have been entrusted by Parliament with the raising of a Loan, execution of Public Works, and other important matters. The Governor, therefore, having reason to believe that the Treasurer, Mr. W. R. Giblin, possesses the full confidence of his colleagues, has requested him to assume the Premiership; and on Mr. Giblin's advice, and with their own consent, has further declined the resignation of the executive offices now held by that gentleman and his colleagues.

FRED. A. WELD.

Government House,

Hobart Town, 5th March, 1878.