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RECEPTION OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

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REPORT from the JOINT COMMITTEE on the Reception of the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

TUESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1867.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the preparations to be made for the reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

MEMBERS.

Legislative Council.

MR. DUNN.
MR. ARCHER.
MR. KENNERLEY.
MR. WHYTE.
MR. WILSON.
MR. SHERWIN.
SIR R. DRY.

House of Assembly.

MR. CHAPMAN.
MR. WALKER.
MR. J. SCOTT.
MR. SHARLAND.
MR. BALFE.
MR. J. MEREDITH.
MR. DOBSON.

DAYS OF MEETING.

FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Legislative Council.

Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Innes.
Mr. Kennerley.
Mr. Dunn.
Mr. Sherwin.
Sir R. Dry.

House of Assembly.

Mr. Dobson.
Mr. J. Meredith.
Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Balfe.
Mr. Sharland.
Mr. J. Scott.

Ordered, That Mr. Innes and Sir R. Dry be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee for the reception of the Duke of Edinburgh, and that Mr. Whyte and Captain Langdon be added to the Committee.

MONDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Legislative Council.

Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Archer.
Mr. Dunn.
Mr. Whyte.
Mr. Sherwin.
Mr. Kennerley.
Captain Langdon.

House of Assembly.

Mr. Dobson.
Mr. Walker.
Mr. J. Scott.
Mr. Balfe.
Mr. Sharland.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE appointed to consider the Preparations that should be made for the Reception of His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH have the honor to submit the following

R E P O R T.

THE Joint Committee are of opinion that the details of the ceremonial incident to the formal reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh ought to be remitted to the Executive Government, and that Parliament should be invited to agree to a Joint Resolution authorising such expenditure as His Excellency's Ministers may deem appropriate to the occasion of a visit to the Colony of a Prince of the Blood Royal.

The Joint Committee consider that, as Parliament will probably not be in Session at the time when His Royal Highness may be expected to arrive, a Joint Address should be voted this Session by both Houses, to be presented to His Royal Highness by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the House of Assembly, attended by the Officers of both Houses, and accompanied by such Members of Parliament as may desire to be present.

The Joint Committee have agreed to the following Address, which they recommend should be adopted as the Joint Address of both Houses, to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh :—

To Captain His Royal Highness ALFRED ERNEST ALBERT, Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Kent, K.G., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.

WE, Her Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Royal Highness, in the name of the people of Tasmania, a respectful and hearty welcome to our shores.

We rejoice at being enabled to renew, in the presence of Your Royal Highness, those expressions of devotion and loyalty to the Crown and Person of your illustrious Mother which we have hitherto only been permitted to convey through the official medium of a Secretary of State.

In Your Royal Highness's Profession—for ever associated as it is with the glory and greatness of the British Empire—we are proud to recognise another proof of Her Majesty's gracious consideration for the National predilections of Her people; and in Your Royal Highness's visit to Her Majesty's Australian Possessions we are gratefully reminded of the deep interest at all times exhibited in the prosperity and progress of the British Colonial Empire by your late illustrious and lamented Father. Regarding the Crown as a bond of union which holds the Empire together in one harmonious whole, we hail the presence of Your Royal Highness in Tasmania as a fitting opportunity for manifesting our attachment to the Monarchy and Institutions of Great Britain, while we cheerfully accept it as an assurance that our claims upon the sympathy and protection of the Mother Country continue to be recognised by the Sovereign and Government of the Empire.

We trust Your Royal Highness will be enabled to recur to your visit to Tasmania with a pleasurable recollection of the affectionate loyalty of its people, and to bear testimony to their sincere and devoted attachment to the Throne and Person of a beloved Sovereign.

We desire to assure Your Royal Highness that you will carry with you from Tasmania the heartfelt prayers of the people that you may be long spared to assist the Councils of the Crown, and defend, if need be, the great objects of our common allegiance.

JAMES MILNE WILSON, *Chairman.*