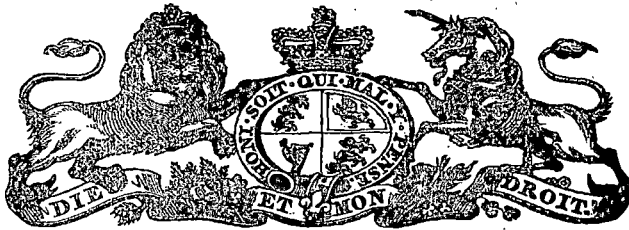


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**REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON MR.  
H. J. HULL'S RETIREMENT:**

**LETTER FROM THE COLONIAL AUDITOR.**

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Laid upon the Table by Mr. Douglas, and ordered by the Council to be printed,  
November 14, 1884.



*Audit Office, Hobart, 14th November, 1884.*

SIR,

In the report of the proceedings of the Legislative Council published in this morning's *Mercury*, I notice in the Report of the Select Committee on Mr. H. J. Hull's case that the Committee express the opinion "that if the Audit Department had exercised greater vigilance with regard to the accounts of the Lands and Works Office the mismanagement would not have arisen."

I have the honor respectfully to protest against this charge of negligence being recorded against my Department, as being unjustifiable, no opportunity having been afforded for explanation of what might have appeared to the Committee to warrant such an opinion.

In reporting on Mr. Hull's case it was not thought necessary to defend the action of this Department, therefore many circumstances connected with audit examination were not introduced therein; but if this had been required, I was and am quite prepared to prove to any unprejudiced mind that the Audit Department has used every possible vigilance with regard to the audit of Public Accounts.

I trust that the importance of this matter in connection with the management of my Department will be taken as my excuse for requesting that this letter may be laid before the Legislative Council before the close of the present Session.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

*The Honorable the Chief Secretary.*