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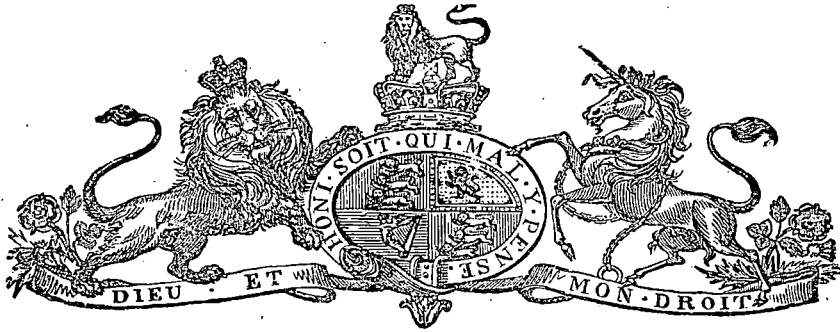
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**FURNITURE AND MAINTENANCE OF  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.**

**DESPATCH No. 5, 8 MARCH, 1872, FROM THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE.**

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TASMANIA.  
No. 5.

*Downing-street, 8th March, 1873.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 63, of the 31st of December, enclosing a reserved Bill "to reduce the Salary and Allowances of every future Governor of Tasmania."

The amount provided by this Bill for the Salary and Establishment of future Governors appears to me, looking to the circumstances of the Colony, to be sufficient; and I shall be prepared to advise Her Majesty to assent to it upon learning that the Legislature of Tasmania had adopted an enactment similar to that contained in Section 8 of the Queensland Act, 36 Vict. No. 9 (a copy of which was enclosed in my Circular Despatch of the 8th of January last), to provide for the furnishing and maintenance of the Government House and its appurtenances.

I have to desire you to bring this Despatch under the consideration of your Ministers, who will, I anticipate, readily assent to the introduction of a measure which, looking to the reduced Salary of every future Governor, cannot but be considered reasonable and proper.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KIMBERLEY.

Governor DU CANE.

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*Rules for the Occupation of Government House.*

3 The following Rules shall be observed in regard to Government House:—

Government House, together with its stables, outbuildings, fences, and other appurtenances, shall be kept in substantial repair throughout at the cost of the Colony.

The rooms shall be painted, papered (when necessary), and furnished at the public expense.

The Governor shall pay at the rate of Six Pounds per centum per annum on the estimated value (according to a valuation to be made by such person or persons as may be appointed for that purpose by the Executive Council on the Governor's assumption of the Government) of the furniture in the bed-rooms, kitchens, and other rooms not used for the public reception of company, but shall be subject to no charge on account of the furniture of the reception-rooms, or of the offices used by himself or by his Private Secretary or Aide-de-Camp.

An Officer provisionally administering the Government and occupying Government House during the whole or any part of his administration shall pay one half the foregoing charge for the use of furniture.

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*Downing-street, 8th January, 1873.*

SIR,

YOU are probably aware that questions have from time to time arisen in different Colonies as to the proportions in which the salary provided for the Governor should be divided, on the occasion of a change in that office, between the Officer temporarily administering the Government and the newly appointed Governor.

It has also been repeatedly pressed upon my notice, that the cost and trouble which have to be incurred in providing furniture for the Government House cause great inconvenience to Governors at the time of their entering upon a fresh Government.

In order to establish definite and suitable rules on these subjects, the Parliament of Queensland has lately passed an Act, of which I enclose three copies for your information; and I request you to invite your Responsible Advisers to consider the expediency of proposing the enactment of a similar measure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KIMBERLEY.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*