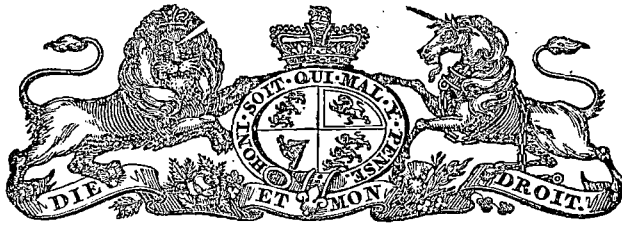


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**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERN-  
MENT AND MR. GEORGE PEACOCK.**

*Return to an Order of the House, 18th August, 1865. (Mr. Balfre.)*

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 5 September, 1865.



*To His Excellency Colonel GORE BROWNE, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief  
of the Island of Tasmania, &c.*

The respectful Petition of George Peacock, recently employed as Assistant to Mr. George Innes,  
District Government Surveyor, of Franklin, but now of Sorell.

SHOWETH :

THAT on the 5th January last your Petitioner was employed, by instructions from Government, in cutting a track through a part of the District at the back of the Franklin Township, for the purpose of enabling the Colonial Treasurer to visit and inspect the neighbouring country.

That your Petitioner, while so employed, had the misfortune to fracture his knee-cap, and has consequently been disabled for Six Months from earning a livelihood, and has been put to very great expense for maintenance and medical treatment.

That your Petitioner is obliged to forego the further prosecution of a profession to which he hoped to devote his life ; and is advised by his medical friends that, from the peculiar character of the injury, he should abstain from every severe exertion of the limb, and that he had better seek some employment in which he will not be called upon to undergo the violent and prolonged exercise that is somewhat unavoidable in the duties of a Surveyor.

Your Petitioner therefore most respectfully hopes that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to recommend the bestowal upon him of such reasonable compensation as shall in some measure atone for so serious an injury.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will be ever grateful.

GEORGE PEACOCK, JUNIOR.

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I HEREBY certify that Mr. George Peacock, junior, when he fractured his knee-cap, and for some time previously, was employed by me in the capacity of an Assistant, and was then engaged as my Deputy in marking and clearing an exploratory track required by the Government leading from the back of Franklin towards She Oak Hills.

I may add, that the nature of the injury he has sustained is such as, in my opinion, to incapacitate him for life for following the profession he was studying under me, and in the practice of which he had already made considerable progress.

GEORGE INNES, *Government District Surveyor.*

*Franklin, Huon, 25th June, 1865.*

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*Sorell, 3rd July, 1865.*

I BEG leave to state that I have known the Memorialist from infancy, and can conscientiously state that he is a most deserving young man. I therefore most respectfully recommend his unfortunate case to the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

JAMES NORMAN, *Senior Chaplain.*

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*General Hospital, 23rd June, 1865.*

I CERTIFY that Mr. Peacock was a Patient in the General Hospital from the 11th January to the 21st March, 1865, with fracture of the *Patella*.

The injury was of such a nature that many months will elapse before the leg becomes strong enough for active exercise, and the probability is that it will never be so strong as it was prior to the receipt of the injury.

GEORGE TURNLEY, *Resident Medical Officer.*

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*Colonial Treasury, 18th August, 1865.*

SIR,

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of a Petition forwarded by you to His Excellency the Governor, seeking compensation for a hurt sustained by you whilst in the employ of Mr. Surveyor Innes.

Your case, I am sorry to say, cannot be entertained for the reason that you were never in any way recognised by the Government. Mr. Innes's engagement with you was of a purely private nature, and had no reference whatever to the Government.

I regret that such must be my decision.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CHARLES MEREDITH.

*Mr. GEORGE PEACOCK.*

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