

(No. 20.)



1858.

TASMANIA.

FRAUDULENT ACCOUNTS.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer and Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the House to be printed, 17 September, 1858.



Mercury Office, 17th September, 1858.

SIR,

IT having been intimated, in a most unfriendly spirit, that I am the party to whom you referred in your speech in the House last night on the "Audit Bill" as having been guilty of gross fraud, and as I am the only person (to my knowledge) who has taken an active part in the abolition of the Office of Auditor, I am constrained to adopt the somewhat unusual course under the circumstances of requesting a Minister of the Government to give me an explanation of what he stated in Parliament. Will you, therefore, do me the honor to state whether or not your observations were intended to apply to me, directly or indirectly, in any shape or manner?

An early answer will much oblige.

Yours obediently,

JOHN DAVIES.

F. M. INNES, Esq., Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, 17th September, 1858.

SIR,

I LOSE no time in acknowledging your letter; and, in reply to it, beg to acquaint you that I answer in Parliament for what I say in Parliament.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FRED. M. INNES.

MR. JOHN DAVIES.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.

Department (exclusive of Establishment.)

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT Dr.

To JOHN DAVIES.

No.

No.	Description	£	s.	d.
1856.	W. G. Elliston, Esq., Returning Officer.			
April 3.....	To the Electors, Hobart, 3½ inches at 1s. 6d. per inch, 3 insertions, at 5s. 6d.....	0	16	6
21.....	Electoral List, District of Hobart Town, 3 inches, at 1s. 6d. per inch, 9 insertions, at 4s. 6d....	2	0	6
	W. J. Bellett, Esq., Returning Officer.	2	17	0
1856.				
April 30....	Electoral List, Pembroke, 80 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	6	0	0
May 2.....	Ditto, Sorell, 142 inches, at 1s. 6d.	10	13	0
14.....	Persons Claiming, Pembroke, 24 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	1	16	0
	Ditto, Sorell, 39 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	2	18	6
16.....	Ditto, Pembroke, 14 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	1	1	0
	Ditto, Sorell, 30 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	2	5	0
June 6 (9)...	Persons objected, ditto, 3 inches, at 1s. 6d.....	0	4	6
		27	15	0

(In red ink.)

Handwritten notes and calculations in red ink, including "60 inches. 3", "11. 20", and "17. 5".

Amounting to Twenty-seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings.

On reference to the Advertisements, there appear to be several errors in the measurement, which I should be glad if Mr. Davies will correct. The number of inches according to the usual mode of charging Advertisements is shown in red ink in the margin of each entry where a difference occurs.

E. J. MANLEY.

Audit Office, 18 August, 1856.