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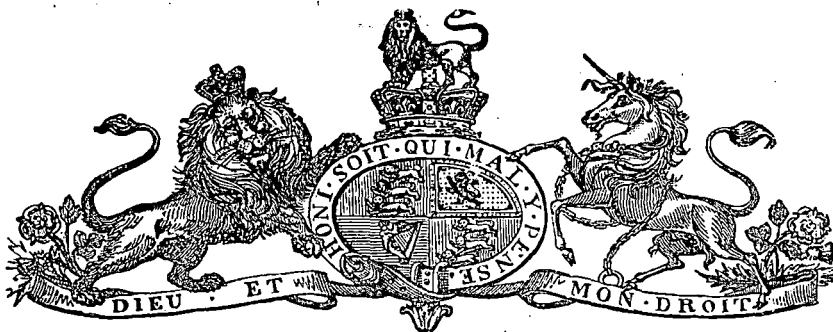
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

CORPORAL J. G. BLUNDELL'S CASE :

REPORT FROM THE SELECT COMMITTEE, WITH MINUTES
OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Brought up by Mr. Hartnoll, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be
printed, October 28, 1887.



SELECT COMMITTEE appointed, on the 1st September, 1887, to enquire into the Case of JAMES GEORGE BLUNDELL, a Corporal in the Launceston Rifle Regiment, who received certain injuries while in the performance of his duties, such alleged injuries being caused by circumstances over which he had no control.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

MR. TREASURER.
MR. LEWIS.
COLONEL ST. HILL.
MR. FENTON.

DR. YOUNG.
MR. W. T. H. BROWN.
MR. HARTNOLL. (*Mover.*)

DAYS OF MEETING.

Thursday, 13th October. Thursday, 20th October. Friday, 28th October.

R E P O R T.

THE Members of the Committee appointed by the House to enquire into the claim of Corporal Blundell for compensation for injuries received at the Rifle Range, Launceston, while in the performance of his duties, have carefully perused all the evidence and numerous papers bearing upon the subject, which disclose a very considerable conflict of testimony, but in the main bear out the almost certain assurance that the accident was directly caused by the want of forethought and incautious performance of duty on the part of Charles Buckley, the duly appointed Marker at the Butts; but while this is the general opinion of the Committee, they desire also to place on record that the conduct of Corporal Blundell contributed towards the unfortunate accident from which he is now suffering. Under all the circumstances they deem it right that some consideration should be extended to Corporal Blundell, and recommend that the sum of £30 be awarded to compensate him for medical attendance, loss of time, and other expenses; but at the same time deprecate the idea that this award should be looked upon as forming in any way a precedent for indiscriminate demands for injuries received, and only award the above sum because the case has unquestionably special surroundings which brings it within the favourable consideration of Parliament.

WILLIAM HARTNOLL, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 28th October, 1887.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1887.

The Committee met at 3.30 P.M.

Present.—Dr. Young, Mr. Lewis, Colonel St. Hill, and Mr. Hartnoll.

Mr. Hartnoll was voted to the Chair.

The Chairman tabled documentary evidence relating to Mr. Blundell's claim.

The Committee adjourned till Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1887.

Present.—Dr. Young, Mr. Lewis, Colonel St. Hill, and Mr. Hartnoll (Chairman.)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned until Thursday, the 27th instant, at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1887.

The Committee met at 11 A.M.

Present.—Dr. Young, Mr. Lewis, Colonel St. Hill, and Mr. Hartnoll (Chairman.)

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A Draft Report was submitted, read, and adopted.

The Committee adjourned *sine die*.