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T A S M A N I A.

MR. ABBOTT'S CLAIM.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into Mr. Edward Abbott's Claim to Compensation have agreed to the following

R E P O R T.

THE points of Enquiry referred to your Committee were as follows :—

1. To estimate the actual value of 45 Acres of Land near Launceston, for a Grant of which, in the year 1847, Mr. Abbott applied to the Commissioners for investigating Claims to Grants of Land, and to which Grant a majority of the Commissioners then decided that the Claimant was in equity and good conscience entitled.
2. To determine the amount to be paid to Mr. Abbott on account of Interest.
3. To determine the amount to be paid to Mr. Abbott on account of expenses incurred in appearing by Counsel, and adducing Evidence before the recent Parliamentary Committee.

Your Committee having heard Mr. Abbott in support of his Claim, and having perused and considered the evidence adduced before a Joint Committee appointed during the last Session of Parliament, as well as that taken before a Commission of Enquiry issued by His Excellency the Governor, have arrived at the following conclusions :—

1. Your Committee estimate the actual value of the Forty-five Acres of Land on the 23rd day of August, 1847, being the date of the decision of the Caveat Board, at the sum of £675.
2. Your Committee has agreed to recommend that the rate of Interest to be paid to Mr. Abbott be Ten per cent., with compound Interest and annual Rests, and amounting to £1131 8s.
3. And your Committee have estimated the amount of expenses incurred by Mr. Abbott at £205 16s. 3d.

WM. HENTY, *Chairman.*