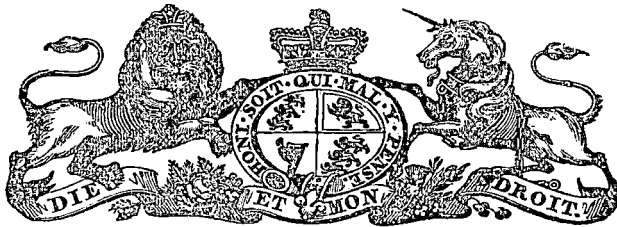


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ARRIVAL OF OVA BY "LINCOLNSHIRE."

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New Norfolk, 7th May, 1866.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Government, that the steam ship *Victoria*, having on board the Salmon and Sea-trout Ova received from the ship *Lincolnshire* at Melbourne, arrived at Hobart Town on Friday last, the 5th instant, at 2 o'clock P.M.

The Ova and surplus Ice were forthwith transferred from the ship to a large barge, which was towed by the *Monarch* to New Norfolk, where all safely arrived at 9 o'clock P.M. on the same day.

Early next morning the operation of conveying the Ova boxes to the Salmon Ponds was commenced; and at 9 P.M. the whole had, without accident, been carried to their destination, and the Ova deposited in the water.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the anticipations of success, excited by an examination of a few of the boxes at Melbourne, have been fully realised.

It is the belief of all who witnessed the unpacking of the Ova, and saw them spread out on the gravel of the hatching boxes, that upwards of forty per cent. were in a sound condition.

Many of the Ova were then far advanced towards maturity, and in a very short time the young fish will, in all probability, begin to make their appearance.

I shall have the pleasure of reporting to you the progress of the experiment from time to time.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. OFFICER.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.