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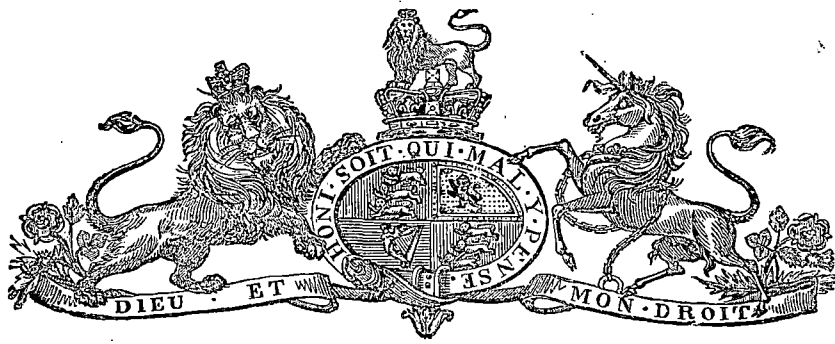
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PUBLIC WORKS—VOTES FOR, AND COST OF.

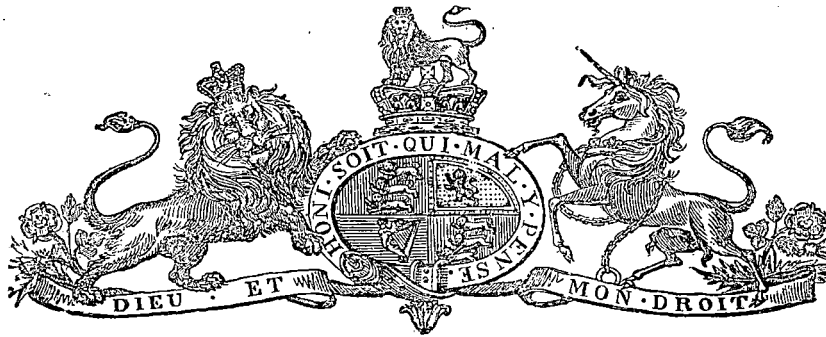
Return to an Order of the Council of March 6, 1863. (Mr. Innes.)

Laid on the Table by Mr. Whyte, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
June 16, 1863.



STATEMENT of the Votes taken originally, and the Dates at which such Votes were first submitted to the Legislature, for the following Public Works; and the Cost of such Works, or the Proportion thereof for which this Colony was liable up to the Date of their Completion.

| Description of Work. | Votes taken originally by Bill. | | | Dates at which such Votes were first submitted to the Legislature. | Cost of such Work or Proportion for which Colony was liable to Date of Completion. | | | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | |
| <i>Loans Bill, 20 Vict. No. 20.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Light-house, King's Island | 2500 | 0 | 0 | 5 June, 1857 | 4570 | 9 | 11 | Total cost of this work 18,281 <i>l.</i> 19 <i>s.</i> 7 <i>d.</i> for one-fourth of which the Colony is liable. There is also an additional sum for interest on overdrawn account at Bank. |
| Alteration of Gaol, Hobart Town | 2500 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 2197 | 9 | 8 | |
| Slaughter-houses & Jetty, Hobart | 7500 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | | | | The Dunrobin Bridge was commenced by Sir William Denison in 1850, and was carried on under annual votes till completion in 1857. It cost the sum stated, and the provision by Bill of 750 <i>l.</i> and a supplementary sum of 1738 <i>l.</i> 7 <i>s.</i> had to be provided by a Supplementary Estimate, 1857, to cover completion of work. |
| Dunrobin Bridge | 750 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 11,852 | 0 | 6 | |
| Drainage of Swamp, Launceston | 2000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 4314 | 9 | 0 | |
| Electric Telegraph from Mount Lewis to Hobart Town, thence to Launceston and George Town | 11,500 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 10,858 | 5 | 5 | A further vote of 3250 <i>l.</i> was taken by Bill 21 Vict. No. 30 to carry out this work. |
| Electric Telegraph to Cape Otway | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 39,037 | 2 | 4 | This is the total amount paid by Tasmania, and furnished to this office by the Treasury. |
| Completion of Government House | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 67,872 | 8 | 8 | The first vote for Government House to cover probable expenditure in 1854, and 783 <i>l.</i> 1 <i>s.</i> incurred in 1853, was 5200 <i>l.</i> in 1854. |
| <i>Loans Bill, 21 Vict. No. 29.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Public Offices and Court Houses, Hobart Town | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 25 February, 1858 | 17,460 | 5 | 10 | This expenditure includes the cost of Court House, Brisbane-street; ditto, Campbell-st.; Police Offices, Bathurst and Campbell-streets; and new Public Offices and Court House, Macquarie-street; Stabling and Walling, Murray-street, near Houses of Parliament. |
| Public Offices, Launceston | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 18,243 | 10 | 4 | |
| Powder Magazine, Launceston | 2000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 3053 | 4 | 4 | In order to afford the required accommodation for storage of Merchants' gunpowder, a sum of 1053 <i>l.</i> 4 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> was further provided by Parliament for this work. |
| <i>Loans Bill, 23 Vict. No. 40.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Alteration to Penitentiary, Launceston, to adapt it for a Bonding Warehouse | 3600 | 0 | 0 | 23 Sept., 1859 | 4255 | 9 | 3 | It was the additional accommodation required. Further votes were taken to cover the extra outlay. |
| Hospital and Infirmary, Launceston | 12,000 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 11,755 | 10 | 9 | To 28 February, 1863. The balance on foot of Bill will be required to meet outstanding claims. |
| <i>Loans Bill, 23 Vict. No. 41.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Bridge at Fingal | 1600 | 0 | 0 | Ditto | 1657 | 9 | 6 | |



RETURN to Order of the Legislative Council, on Motion of Mr. Innes.

Question.—A Statement from the Director of Public Works of the Estimate, if any, of the late Director of Public Works, W. P. Kay, Esq., for the erection of the Public Offices, Launceston?

Answer.—No detailed Estimate was provided. The late Director of Public Works, W. P. Kay, Esq., in submitting the Draft Estimates of his Department for this and other works, inserted a sum of £10,000 for new Public Buildings at Launceston; and a Vote, by Loans Bill, 21 Vict. No. 29, was taken for that amount.

Question.—The several Tenders for the undertaking?

Answer.—*SCHEDULE of Tenders received on 30 December, 1858, for the erection of the New Public Offices at Launceston.*

| NAMES. | Pressed Bricks and Stone Dressings. | Unpressed Bricks and Stone Dressings. | Stone Dressings and Ashlar. | Quarries from which the Stone is proposed to be supplied. | Remarks. |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| James Porter | £ .. | £ 12,850 | £ .. | Kangaroo Point & Risdon | |
| A. M. Nichol | .. | 13,985 | 15,585 | Risdon or Ross, 12 months and 20 months | Porter less than Nichol, 1125 <i>l.</i> |
| G. R. Russell | .. | 18,700 | 21,000 | Dr. Maddox's Quarry, Launceston. | Ditto Russell, 5850 <i>l.</i> |
| John Francis | 19,050 | 15,050 | 17,066 | Ditto | Ditto Francis, 2200 <i>l.</i> |
| John Francis | 19,675 | 15,675 | 18,134 | Kangaroo Point | Ditto, ditto, 2825 <i>l.</i> |
| John Francis | 19,050 | 15,050 | 17,066 | Risdon or Stringy Bark, 16 months | Ditto, ditto, 2200 <i>l.</i> |

Question.—The several heads of additions to the original Contract, with the causes of such additions?

Answer.—1st. At the commencement of the work I found the site had been erroneously set out. This had to be altered so as to admit of the buildings standing in the centre of the block instead of on one side of it.

2nd. It was found very undesirable to have a shingle roof, and a material and necessary alteration was made substituting for it a slate roof.

3rd. Accommodation had to be provided for an Office-keeper, with requisite out-buildings to the Offices.

4th. A change in the position of the portion for Post Office purposes from Cameron-street to Patterson-street, with a new Portico to the Post Office Wing.

5th. Iron palisading and gates for principal fronts, for the safety of, and so as to enclose and secure, the building.

6th. Stone parapets were substituted for wooden ones; also stone jambs to doorways, and a stone string-course, with other alterations.

7th. Internal fittings for Post Office and Telegraph Offices, grates, &c. throughout the buildings not provided for in the original Contract.

8th. Laying on water and gas, and gas fittings, with supervision and incidentals.

Question.—Date on which original Contract was taken, and the subsequent additions to it were made?

Answer.—The original Contract authorising the acceptance of the Tender of James Porter at £12,850, it being the lowest, was made on 3rd January, 1859, (on letter of 31st December, 1858, signed W. P. Kay.)

The Governor in Council, on 20th February, 1861, authorised the payment of £2850 in excess of the sum voted by Bill 24 Vict. No. 29; this sum being the difference between the amount of original Contract and such Vote.

The Governor in Council authorised, on the 8th May, 1861, a further sum of £5400 for the several heads of additions necessarily made to original Contract as hereinbefore stated.

W. R. FALCONER, *Director of Public Works.*

10th March, 1863.