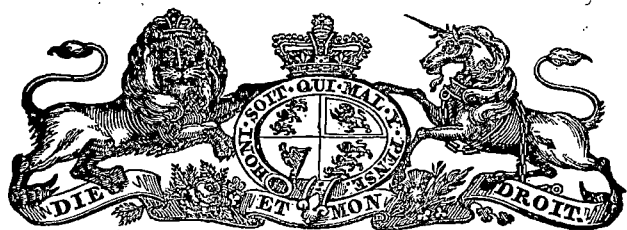


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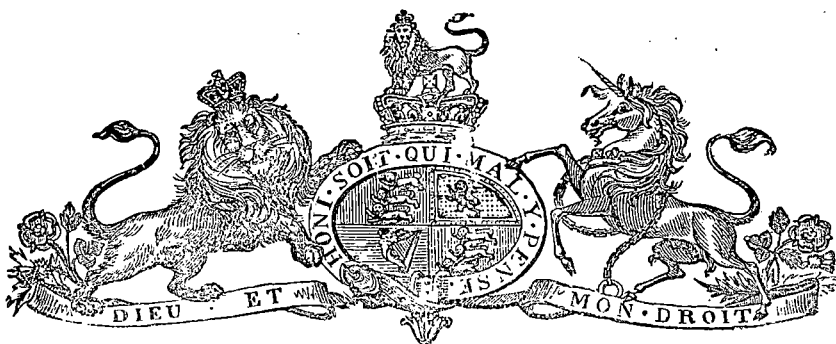
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MR. PIGUENIT'S CASE.

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, and ordered by the House to be printed, August 4, 1874.



Lands and Works Office, 11th December, 1873.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to apply for twelve months' leave of absence; and trust, under the following circumstances, you will favourably consider my application.

I have served as Draftsman in this Department for upwards of twenty-three years, nearly the whole of which time I have been engaged in the higher branches of drafting; viz.—compilation of county and other plans, preparation of lithographic transfers, and the examination of the plans and diagrams furnished by the field surveyors,—duties involving very close application, and of an exceedingly trying nature to the sight. I have from time to time, of late years, been compelled to obtain leave of absence, principally for the purpose of resting my eyes; and, with this object, I now seek the exemption from duty asked for.

I am aware the duties of the draftsmen have been increased by the retirement of Mr. Langley; and therefore am willing to provide a *locum tenens* in Mr. Henry Boothman, who has been serving for some months as a volunteer in the drafting-room, and with whom I should be prepared to make arrangements for the due performance of such work as might be allotted him by the Chief Draftsman.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. C. PIGUENIT.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Office, 2nd February, 1874.

SIR,

UNDERSTANDING, from an interview I had with you, that the Executive has, in reply to my application of the 11th December for twelve months' leave of absence, declined to accede thereto, I beg, in accordance with your suggestion, to reduce my application to six months, which I trust, in consideration of my long and faithful service, may be granted me.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. C. PIGUENIT.

The Minister of Lands and Works.

THIS application for leave of absence for 6 months was considered by the Cabinet yesterday, and refused.

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Lands and Works Office, 4th February, 1874.

SIR,

THE Cabinet having declined to accede to either of my applications for leave of absence, (of the 11th December and 2nd February respectively—to the former of which I was never honored with any official reply) I am compelled, no other course being open to me, to resign the situation I have held as Draftsman in this Department for the last twenty-three years.

In taking my leave of the office, I cannot but repeat in writing that which I have already expressed to you verbally—that, in all my long period of service, I have not had more than twelve months' leave of absence; and that for *six* of those months I provided and *paid* for the services of a skilled draftsman, in the person of a gentleman who had nearly ten years' previous experience in the drafting branch of this Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. C. PIGUENIT.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Office, 18th February, 1874.

SIR,

REFERRING to your application for twelve months' leave of absence, and to your subsequent application for six months' leave, and to your letter of resignation consequent upon not obtaining such leave of absence, I beg to inform you that I have accepted the same.

In doing so, however, I deem I should be failing in my duty were I not to place on record the high estimation I entertain of your qualifications as a draftsman, which are of the first order; and of my appreciation of the manner in which you have at all times, as I am informed, conducted yourself during the twenty-three years you have been attached to this Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

WM. MOORE,

Minister of Lands and Works.

W. C. PIGUENIT, *Esq., Hobart Town.*

MEMORANDUM.

I MAY here state in explanation that, after the receipt of Mr. Piguénit's application for leave of absence, dated 11th December, 1873, and before the matter was finally decided by the Executive, I had an interview with Mr. Piguénit, when I asked him if it was his intention to leave the service of the Government at the expiration of the term of his leave of absence: he said it was, and gave his reasons for so doing.

WM. MOORE.

Lands and Works, 31st July, 1874.