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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

MR. H. E. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK CHIEF
SECRETARY'S OFFICE :

LETTER *RE* INCREASE OF SALARY.

Laid upon the Table by the Hon. the Treasurer, June 13, 1888 ; and ordered by
the House of Assembly to be printed, June 14, 1888.



Chief Secretary's Office, Hobart, 31st March, 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have reason to believe that Parliament last Session voted an increase of £50 to the salary of the Chief Clerk in the Customs Department, Hobart, in consequence of the large amount he lost by the abrogation of the Classification System in the year 1863; and as I have suffered pecuniarily in a similar manner, as the annexed Return will show, I venture to hope that, as a matter of justice, my claim will be favourably entertained by the Government.

I am the senior First Class Clerk in the Service, and have served five years longer than the officer to whom an increase was granted last Session.

It is not for me to say how I have performed the duties entrusted to me, nor do I wish to draw any comparison with them and those discharged by others; but it is very gratifying for me to know that I have given satisfaction during my long period of service to every gentleman I have served under; and having enjoyed the confidence of those who have officially preceded you, I trust that the manner in which I have discharged my duties during your term of office has also met with your approbation.

Quite apart from the loss sustained by me some years ago, I would point out that in the year 1881 the House of Assembly voted £50 increase to my salary, which I thought I would receive that year, but unfortunately it was thrown out by the Legislative Council. This naturally caused me some disappointment, and is an additional reason why I should prefer my claim at the present time for the favourable consideration of yourself and the other Members of the Cabinet.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

H. E. SMITH, C.C.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

Appointed First Class Clerk in the Year 1860, at a Salary of £280 per annum, to increase £10 a year until it reached £400 per annum.

Service, 40 years.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Salary actually received.</i>	<i>Salary according to Terms of Appointment.</i>	<i>Loss.</i>
	£	£	£
1863.....	300	310	10
1864.....	300	320	20
1865.....	300	330	30
1866.....	300	340	40
1867.....	300	350	50
1868.....	300	360	60
1869.....	300	370	70
1870.....	300	380	80
1871.....	300	390	90
1872.....	300	400	100
1873.....	300	400	100
1874.....	300	400	100
1875.....	300	400	100
1876.....	330	400	70
1877.....	330	400	70
1878.....	350	400	50
1879.....	350	400	50
1880.....	350	400	50
1881.....	350	400	50
1882.....	350	400	50
1883.....	400		
Loss			£1240
Loss by £50 being thrown out by Legislative Council in 1881...			400
Total loss.....			£1640

An immediate increase of £100 per annum would thus require more than 16 years to make good the loss of £1640.

H. E. SMITH, *Chief Clerk.*