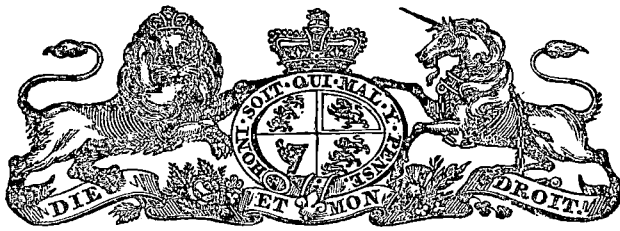


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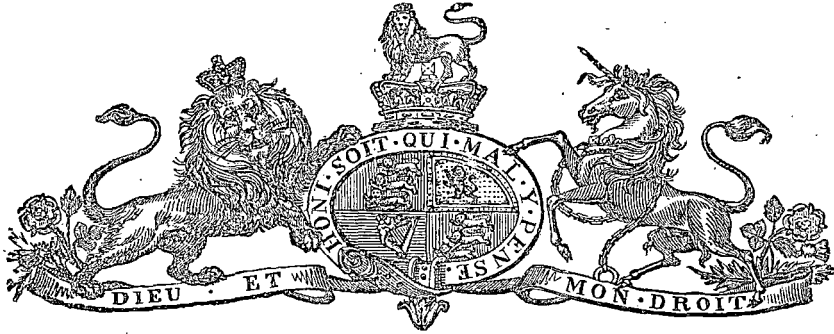
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SIR,

HER Majesty's Government have observed with pleasure that your Government, although sending a Delegate to the Conference proposed by the Government of Victoria, has not further committed itself to the irregular course of proceeding adopted by that Government.

I have to inform you that Her Majesty's Government have determined to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for the sanction of measures which will, if adopted, enable them altogether to discontinue Transportation to Western Australia in a definite time; that is to say, in a time not exceeding three years.

The immediate occasion of this decision has been the necessity which arose for issue of Regulations for the disposal of the Crown Lands in the newly explored district of Western Australia: but I need not assure you, after what has so recently occurred upon this subject, that a just consideration for the interests, the feelings, and the deep convictions of the Australian Communities in general, has weighed most materially in bringing Her Majesty's Government to this conclusion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor GORE BROWNE, C.B.