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DEBT OF THE COLONY.

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WHEN (25th April, 1857) the Ministry under Mr. Weston, and subsequently under Mr. Francis Smith, accepted Office, they found the following Debts sanctioned by Acts passed, or then passing, by the Legislature :—

	£
Immigration Act.....	200,000
Steam Tug Act.....	3,200
Act 20 Vict. No. 9, for Arrears of 1856.....	80,000
Act 19 Vict. No. 20, and 2 Vict. No. 21, for Expenditure of 1857.....	32,000
Act 20 Vict. No. 21, providing for—New Schools, Light-house King's Island, Alteration of Gaol Hobart, Slaughter-houses and Jetty Hobart, Dunrobin Bridge, and Gordon River Road, Drainage to the Swamp Launceston, Electric Telegraph from Mount Lewis to Hobart Town, from thence to Launceston and on to George Town, Electric Telegraph to Cape Otway, Water Works New Norfolk, Completion of Government House, New Bridge George Town to Launceston.....	75,000

These sums amount to £390,200, and the first mentioned of them, that for Immigration, is issued, not under the discretion of the Government, but of a Board appointed by the Act authorising the Debentures.

But the provision made for several works which had been begun was not sufficient for their completion, and it was necessary for the Government under Mr. Smith or his successors to obtain the following further sums, by Debentures, to complete the works begun by their predecessors.

	£
Draining Swamp, Launceston.....	3,250
Completion of Telegraph.....	10,000
Government House.....	20,000
Inter-Colonial Telegraph.....	9,000

The present Executive, therefore, came into Office with a Debt authorised by the Legislature, and works in progress, amounting to the gross sum of £432,450.

To this Debt the Legislature has sanctioned the following additions, to make up deficiency of Revenue and supplement the provision for works not begun before the Weston and Smith Ministry.

	£
New Schools.....	10,000
Public Offices, Court House, Hobart Town.....	10,000
Public Offices, Launceston.....	10,000
Powder Magazine, Launceston.....	2,000
Police Buildings.....	1,500
Additions to Lunatic Asylum.....	2,000
Geological Survey.....	5,000
Road to the Huon.....	5,000
Completion of Government Offices.....	6,000
Lunatic Asylum.....	3,200
Watch-houses.....	1,800
Royal Society's Museum.....	3,000
Servants' Home.....	500
Mechanics' Institute, Launceston.....	3,000
Alteration to interior Court House, Hobart.....	1,500
Ditto to Penitentiary, Launceston, to adapt it for a Bonding Warehouse.....	3,600
Alteration House of Correction, Launceston.....	2,500
Hospital and Infirmary, Launceston.....	12,000
Watch-houses.....	1,350
Bridge at Pingal.....	1,600
Causeway at Sorell.....	4,000
Additions to the Hospital for the Insane.....	6,000
Additions to Hospital and Invalid Dépôt.....	4,000
Additions to Queen's Orphan Schools.....	4,000
Additions to Post Office, Hobart Town.....	3,000
Watch-houses throughout the Territory.....	3,000
Completion of Custom House, Launceston.....	300
Roads to open up Crown Lands.....	12,000
Introduction of Salmon.....	3,000

Carried forward..... £124,850

Brought forward..... £124,850

Since which a further addition has been sanctioned by the Legislature to make up deficiency of Revenue, and to complete works in progress, of £33,700,—of which £9,000 is represented as completion of Inter-Colonial Telegraph, a work begun by a former Ministry

24,700

£149,550

The following Amounts out of the Land Revenue have been appropriated to the redemption (as contradistinguished to the renewal) of Debentures due in the years represented:—

1858	40,500
1859	15,000
1860	20,000
1861	20,000
	<u>£95,500</u>

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LAND FUND.

RECEIPTS and Payments since "The Waste Lands Act" came into operation—February, 1858, to 30 June, 1862.

Particulars.	1858.		1859.		1860.		1861.		JAN. to JUNE, 1862.		TOTALS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
RECEIPTS.												
Sale of Crown Lands.....	44,493	19 9	52,611	14 10	57,744	7 4	58,969	7 2	26,290	10 10	240,109	19 11
Rent of Crown Lands	23,675	15 7	22,153	10 10	21,041	16 1	18,750	9 10	8,329	13 7	93,951	5 11
Miscellaneous	8,403	11 11	6,070	4 6	4,181	18 8	7,280	10 6	1,595	19 8	27,532	5 3
<i>Totals</i>	<u>£76,573</u>	<u>7 3</u>	<u>80,835</u>	<u>10 2</u>	<u>82,968</u>	<u>2 1</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>7 6</u>	<u>36,216</u>	<u>4 1</u>	<u>361,593</u>	<u>11 1</u>
PAYMENTS.												
Survey Department (exclusive of Surveys).....	5,019	1 2	6,954	4 5	7,531	2 3	8,153	3 11	2,538	3 4	30,195	15 1
Surveys of Land by Contract	5,721	14 10	7,314	2 3	9,929	9 2	10,994	17 10	1,971	8 3	35,931	12 4
Aborigines' Establishment..	770	7 10	813	7 0	949	1 0	675	9 8	254	5 11	3,462	11 5
Correspondence, Collection, &c., including proportions of Departments (exclusive of Public Works' Department) charged on General Revenue	4,176	0 0	5,247	11 6	4,876	16 2	5,816	10 0	3,678	5 0	23,795	2 8
In aid of Municipalities and Local Police, on principle of the Act 23 Vict. No. 28	—		573	19 1	1,087	9 4	6,119	14 2	441	15 11	8,222	18 6
Public Buildings, Roads, &c.	1,526	10 7	14,778	14 9	3,099	2 4	25,922	12 6	998	19 3	46,325	19 5
Interest on Debentures.....	17,903	11 8	15,927	18 3	16,988	5 6	18,635	18 8	9,984	5 5	79,439	19 6
Grants in aid of Public Institutions.....	—		—		800	0 0	1,350	0 0	325	0 0	2,475	0 0
Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c.	577	4 3	701	2 11	1,108	19 8	812	19 1	168	14 4	3,369	0 3
Miscellaneous	1,363	0 4	9,104	1 5	4,540	5 11	18,454	18 1	3,370	2 1	36,832	7 10
Debentures redeemed	52,219	10 0	38,400	0 0	26,500	0 0	12,700	0 0	20,200	0 0	150,019	10 0*
<i>Totals</i>	<u>£89,277</u>	<u>0 8</u>	<u>99,815</u>	<u>1 7</u>	<u>77,410</u>	<u>11 4</u>	<u>109,636</u>	<u>3 11</u>	<u>43,930</u>	<u>19 6</u>	<u>420,069</u>	<u>17 0</u>

* Debentures raised in aid of Revenue to meet Debentures falling due in 1860.... £ 25,800 0 0
Ditto in 1861 £ 28,700 0 0

£54,500 0 0

Colonial Treasury, 9th August, 1862.

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