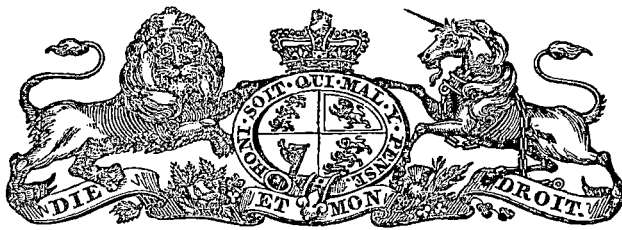


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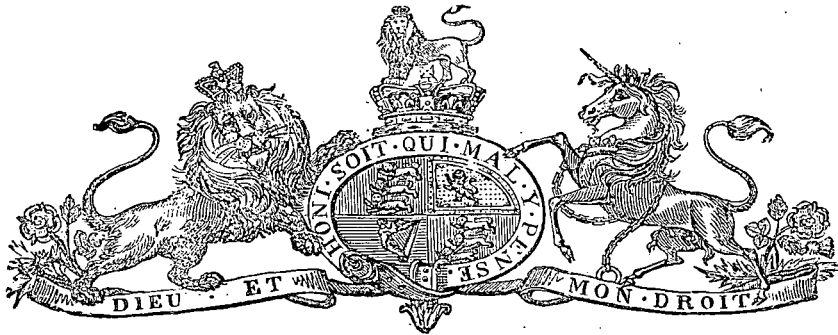
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OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF
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REPORT of the SELECT COMMITTEE appointed on the 15th August, 1860, to take into consideration the Report of Mr. Black on the Introduction of SALMON into the Rivers of Tasmania.

MEMBERS.

MR. MACLANACHAN.
MR. HENTY.
DR. OFFICER.
DR. BUTLER.

MR. CHAPMAN.
MR. W. ARCHER.
MR. COLONIAL TREASURER.

DAYS OF MEETING.

No. 1. 24th August.

PRESENT.

Dr. Officer.
Dr. Butler.
Mr. Henty.
Mr. Archer.
Mr. Maclanachan.

No. 2. 28th August.

PRESENT.

Mr. Archer.
Dr. Officer.
Mr. Maclanachan.
Mr. Henty.

No. 3. 29th August.

PRESENT.

Mr. Archer.
Dr. Officer.
Mr. Maclanachan.
Mr. Henty.

No. 4. 30th August.

PRESENT.

Mr. Archer.
Dr. Officer.
Mr. Maclanachan.
Mr. Henty.
Mr. Chapman.
Dr. Butler.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to take into consideration the Report of Mr. Black on the Introduction of SALMON into the Rivers of Tasmania, and to advise as to the measures to be adopted with a view to the attainment of that object, have examined the matters referred to them, and have agreed to the following

R E P O R T.

Your Committee have carefully considered Mr. Black's Report, and have also obtained from him further information on the matters referred to them.

They are of opinion that it is highly desirable to introduce the Salmon from Great Britain into the Rivers of the Colony, and strongly recommend that prompt measures should be adopted by the Government for the attainment of that object.

They deem themselves justified in coming to the conclusion that our Rivers and the adjacent Seas are adapted in point of temperature, and in all other respects, to the habits and constitution of the Salmon.

Your Committee also have good reasons for believing that it is quite possible to introduce the Salmon by means of their Ova.

They are of opinion that the arrangements and apparatus recommended by Mr. Black are well calculated to ensure the successful issue of the enterprise. They submit the following estimate of the probable expense :—

	£
Ice-house, Water Tanks, &c.	500
Ice, 25 tons, at £5	125
Procuring Ova and Water	49
Freight of 80 tons, at £4	320
Passage of two Assistants with families	96
Passage of Manager	60
Wages of two men, at £75 for one year	150
Salary of Manager for one year	300
Travelling expenses in Britain	50
Incidental expenses	150
Letter of Credit	100
Contingencies.....	200
<i>Contingent</i> —In the event of 10,000 or more Ova being introduced alive a reward of	300
	£2400
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Your Committee further recommend that if more than 5000 and less than 10,000 Ova should be introduced alive the Manager should receive a reward of £200; if more than 1000 and less than 5000 Ova, a reward of £100.

They also advise that, in the event of the experiment being proved successful by the return of the Salmon the second time from the Sea, the Manager, or his heirs or assigns, should receive a further reward of £1000.

They are of opinion that additional receiving places for the Ova, on their arrival in the Colony, should be prepared in connection with the Derwent and Mersey Rivers. They recommend that at least three Vivaria should be provided for the reception of the Ova during the voyage, so that one Vivarium might be detached for each of the receiving places; and that the Ova might be thus conveyed, without injury, to their destination.

Your Committee have, after very careful deliberation, decided upon recommending that the selection and appointment of a Manager, the provision of the necessary apparatus, and all other measures requisite to ensure, as far as possible, the success of the proposed experiment, should be confided to the Committee of the Australian Association in London, which numbers among its Members Mr. Edward Wilson, Mr. James Youl, Mr. Westgarth, and several other Australian colonists who have evinced a deep interest in the undertaking.

They think it right that, if the Manager should wish to return to England in the event of the experiment proving unsuccessful, he should receive a further sum of £60 to pay for his passage home.

Your Committee desire, through your Honourable House, to commend the entire subject which has been referred to them to the immediate attention of the Government; and they earnestly trust that the Committee of the Australian Association will be urged to use every exertion, both to avail themselves of the approaching spawning season for obtaining the necessary quantity of Ova, and to transmit them by a fast-sailing clipper ship direct to this Colony.

WILLIAM ARCHER, *Chairman*.

Committee Room, 31 August, 1860.