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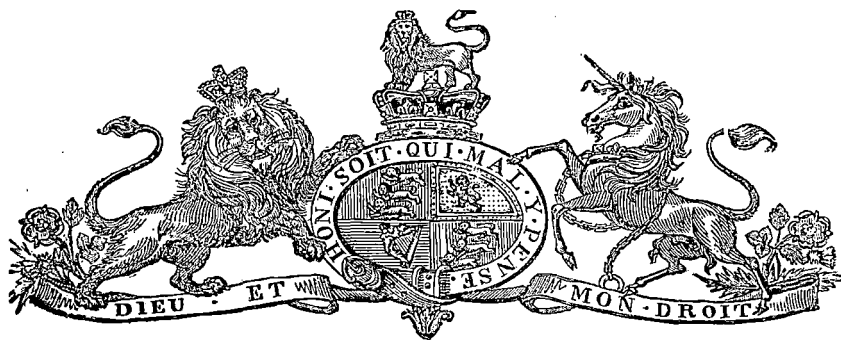
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CLAIMS OF THE COLONY UPON THE  
IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

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## R E P O R T.

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THE Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly appointed to consider the Despatch, of the 25th February, 1859, of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the Claims of the Colony on the Imperial Government on account of Police and Gaols, and also to consider the terms imposed by the Imperial Government for maintaining expiree Lunatics, Orphans, and Hospital and Infirm Paupers, and their Offspring, have the honor to report that they have met and considered the matters to them referred, and have come to the following Resolutions :—

1. That the decision conveyed in the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in answer to a series of Resolutions adopted by both Houses of the Legislature on certain questions arising out of the presence of Convicts, is unjust.

2. That every fair argument having been exhausted in urging the Claims of the Colony on the Imperial Government on account of Convicts, without avail, this Joint Committee advise that Parliament should have recourse to other measures than those of remonstrance with a view of extricating the Colony from the unjust burdens thrown upon it.

3. That this Joint Committee recommends to Parliament that an Address should be adopted concurrently by the two Houses to His Excellency the Governor, to place a sum of money on the Estimates to be expended in conveying to England all those persons, whether expiree Paupers or others, whose maintenance is at present unfairly made a charge on the Colony.

FRED. M. INNES, *Chairman.*