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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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V.D.L. COMPANY'S WARATAH AND ZEEHAN  
RAILWAY ACT:

CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT  
OF £5000.

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*Van Diemen's Land Company, Burnie, 7th August, 1896.*

SIR,

SOME doubt having been expressed as to the probability of the Van Diemen's Land Company's undertaking the construction of the Waratah-Zeehan Railway, I now have the honour to hand you the Bank of Australasia's cheque for £5000 as an earnest of the Company's intention.

I shall be obliged if you will hold the same until the Bill now in the Assembly, introduced for the purpose of reviving "The Van Diemen's Land Company's Waratah-Zeehan Railway Act, 1895," has become law; and so soon as the reviving Bill, without Amendments, has received the assent of the Governor, I shall esteem it a further favour if you will deposit the £5000 for twelve months with the Bank of Australasia in your name, as provided by the 115th Section of the original Act.

I have, &c.

J. W. NORTON-SMITH, *Agent.*

*The Honourable the Treasurer, Hobart.*

SIR,

*7th August, 1896.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, enclosing a cheque for five thousand pounds (£5000), and requesting that the same may be held until the Bill now in the Assembly, introduced for the purpose of reviving the Van Diemen's Land Company's Waratah-Zeehan Railway Act, has become law, and further asking that, so soon as the reviving Bill, without Amendments, has received the consent of the Governor, the amount named may be placed at fixed deposit for twelve months with the Bank of Australasia.

In reply, I have to state that the amount will be held in suspense on the terms named in your letter.

I have, &c.

P. O. FYSH, *Treasurer.*

J. W. NORTON-SMITH, *Esq., Agent Van Diemen's Land Company, Tasmanian Club.*

SIR,

*14th October, 1896.*

REFERRING to the terms of your letter of the 7th August last, I have now the honour to request that you will advise whether the sum of £5000 then deposited by you in connection with the Waratah and Zeehan Railway Act is to be placed at once at fixed deposit in the Bank of Australasia.

As you are no doubt aware, the Act reviving the Van Diemen's Land Company's Waratah-Zeehan Railway Act has become law, but certain amendments having been made in the Bill during its passage through Parliament it is thought necessary to ask this question.

I have, &c.

P. O. FYSH, *Treasurer.*

J. W. NORTON-SMITH, *Esq., Agent Van Diemen's Land Company, Burnie.*

SIR,

*23rd October, 1896.*

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Honourable the Treasurer, to advise you that the sum of Five thousand Pounds (£5000), deposited by you in connection with the Waratah and Zeehan Railway Act, has this day, in accordance with your "verbal" request, been placed with the Bank of Australasia at fixed deposit for a period of Twelve months, bearing interest at the rate of Two and a half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) per cent.

I have, &c.

A. REID, *Under Treasurer.*

J. W. NORTON-SMITH, *Esq., Agent Van Diemen's Land Co.*