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SUCCESSION DUTIES UNCOLLECTED.

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Succession Duties Office, 14th August, 1868.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, calling for a Return of the Amount of Succession Duty which has accrued but which remains uncollected.

In reply, I beg to inform you that in all cases where the necessary information has been furnished to enable me to assess the duty the amount payable has been collected and paid into the Treasury. With regard to the duties payable upon estates of which I have received no returns, it is quite impossible for me to state the amount uncollected. To assess the duty, I should require to know in each case—

- 1st. The nature and value of the property succeeded to.
- 2ndly. The mortgages or other debts chargeable thereon.
- 3rdly. The degree of consanguinity of the successor or successors to the predecessor ; and
- 4thly. In cases where real property is concerned the age of the successor or successors.

Without these particulars it would be beyond the power of any person to estimate the amount of duty arising from an estate ; and if, therefore, I were to give even a supposititious return of the outstanding amounts of duty now due under the Succession Duties Act, I should do so without adequate information, and should simply mislead the Parliament.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. TARLETON, *Commissioner Succession Duties.*

The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer.

(Copy.)

Registry Office, Hobart Town, Tasmania, 6th February, 1868.

SIR,

THE Succession Duties Act of this Colony was to some extent framed from the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865" of New South Wales.

I shall be much indebted to you if you will forward to me copies of any Rules or Forms which may have been made or adopted by your Supreme Court for carrying out the provisions of Sections 18 and 116 of the Act of New South Wales.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. J. BUCKLAND, *Registrar.*

DAVID B. HUTCHINSON, *Esg.,*

Prothonotary, Supreme Court, New South Wales.

(Copy.)

Supreme Court, Sydney, 22nd February, 1868.

SIR,

IN reply to your letter of the 6th instant, requesting copies of any Rules made by the Judges of this Court under the 18th and 116th Sections of the Stamp Act of 1865, I do myself the honor to inform you that at present their Honors have made no Rules under the Sections in question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. B. HUTCHINSON, *Prothonotary.*

The Registrar of the Supreme Court, Hobart Town.

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