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SESSION II.

TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. J. C. GREGSON.

CORRESPONDENCE AS TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS SOLICITOR-
GENERAL.

Return to an Order of the Council dated January 22, 1867. (Mr. Whyte.)

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
January 24, 1867.



Hobart Town, 26th December, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR,

At a Cabinet Council held about a fortnight ago, it was decided that the office of Solicitor-General should be filled up in accordance with the Report of the Commission; and that the office should be offered to you as the gentleman best qualified to perform the onerous duties which will attach to it under the proposed arrangements, and also as having the greatest claims upon the Government as compared with any other gentleman now at the Bar in Tasmania.

It is proposed that the office shall be non-political, and that, in addition to the duties formerly performed by the Solicitor-General, he will also be Commissioner of the Insolvent Court and Court of Requests for Hobart Town.

For reasons which it is not necessary for me to state the appointment will not be made until the beginning of January, and until then this communication will be considered confidential in the event of your accepting the office.

I remain, my dear Sir,
Yours very truly,

JAMES WHYTE.

The Honorable J. C. GREGSON, Esq.

Hobart Town, 29th December, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE received your letter informing me that your Administration has decided upon offering to me the now vacant office of Solicitor-General, the appointment to such office to be made in accordance with the recommendation of the Report of the Commission recently appointed to enquire into the state of the Civil Service of the Colony; viz., that to the office of Solicitor-General should be attached the duties of Crown Prosecutor for Tasmania, and of Commissioner of the Court of Requests and Insolvent Court for the Southern division of the Island.

After careful deliberation, I have determined to accept the office of Solicitor-General upon the terms proposed. I am not aware of any reason, personal or political, which should preclude, or render improper, my acceptance of your present offer, and I do not feel at all unwilling to retire from political life.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) J. C. GREGSON.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary.